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## False-alarm lockdown

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## Can't bank on equality

ASSINIBOINE/ACCESS MERGER

### LGBT support repels member of credit union

**Eva Wasney**  
 For Metro | Winnipeg

A Winkler man who voted in the merger of two Manitoba credit unions says he voted against the idea because one credit union supports the gay community.

Donald Cruickshank, a member of Access Credit Union, said he and others voted against the merger with Assiniboine Credit Union in part because of their support of Pride Winnipeg and the Rainbow Resource Centre.

"The Assiniboine Credit

Union in past years has supported numerous gay-pride or LGBTQ events in Winnipeg, and that probably reflects Winnipeg's values," said Cruickshank. "But out here in Winkler, that doesn't represent our values."

The merger needed a two-thirds majority to go forward. Ninety-five per cent of Assiniboine members voted in favour, compared to 63 per cent of Access members.

Cruickshank said he wrote a Facebook post encouraging members to vote against the merger and that he received a private message thanking him for his "strong and courageous" act.

Cruickshank, who until recently worked as a Christian minister in Winkler, is aware of the backlash his decision

might incur. "There doesn't seem to be a lot of tolerance when Christians want to hold onto their moral values," he said.

Margaret Day, chair of Assiniboine's board, didn't comment on Cruickshank's reasons but said that if the merger had gone through, its donors would have been kept separate.

"Members in those communities would determine their donations," said Day.

Jonathan Niemczak, president of Pride Winnipeg, said his organization has encountered issues in Southern Manitoba in the past.

"It's well within their rights to have their own core values and belief systems," said Niemczak. "We just ask that they keep it in the church and don't go beyond that."

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**POLITICS**

## Backer moved from seat at rally

A controversial Manitoba Progressive Conservative was moved out of a seat behind Prime Minister Stephen Harper at a rally Thursday night.

Braydon Mazurkiewicz was one of about 30 people who were seated in an area directly behind where Harper stood. The group served as a backdrop for cameras recording Harper's speech.

But before the speech began, a man approached Mazurkiewicz and he was moved to the far side of the room.

Mazurkiewicz was ousted as the head of the provincial party's youth wing in 2012 after posting comments about aboriginals on Facebook that he later admitted were racist.

Mazurkiewicz did not return a message requesting an interview Thursday night, and one of the prime minister's media handlers said Mazurkiewicz would not do interviews after the speech because he was lining up for a photo with Harper.

Mazurkiewicz made headlines in 2012 when he complained on Facebook about a planned urban reserve for aboriginals in Winnipeg. He wrote that the land, a former military base, was "built for hardworking men and women of the military, not freeloading Indians."

Within hours, provincial party officials asked for and received his resignation and Mazurkiewicz apologized.

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# Targets won't be 'exactly the same' as U.S.: Harper



Stephen Harper speaks about a tax cut to small business included in the recent budget during a press conference at FC Woodworks Inc. in Winnipeg, Thursday. JOHN WOODS/THE CANADIAN PRESS

**ENVIRONMENT**

## PM remains vague on emissions at Winnipeg stop

Canada appears set to break a two-decades-long tradition of setting matching greenhouse gas reduction targets with the United States.

Prime Minister Stephen Harper said Thursday in Winnipeg that new targets will be released next month, and will likely deviate from those recently set by the U.S.

"It's unlikely our targets will be exactly the same as the United States, but they will be targets of similar levels of ambition to other major industrialized countries," he said.

The U.S. and Canada had matching emissions targets under both the Kyoto accord of 1997 and the Copenhagen

accord of 2009, which saw a variety of targets set by different countries.

Canada and the U.S. committed under Copenhagen to a 17 per cent cut from 2005 levels, while Australia, for example, committed to a five per cent reduction from its 2000 levels.

A new, post-2020 international emissions regime is to be negotiated at a United Nations conference later this year in Paris.

The United States announced last month that it plans to cut emissions 26-28 per cent by 2025. Harper did not say which countries Canada might be closest to, but said the new targets would involve some further regulation of the energy sector.

The latest emissions inventory from Environment Canada shows the country's overall greenhouse gas output climbed 1.5 per cent between 2012 and 2013, continuing a slow upward trend since the global recession of 2009.

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## + TAX CUTS

The prime minister was in Winnipeg Thursday to tout tax cuts announced in this week's budget.

He rejected opposition criticism that tax breaks on items such as tax-free savings accounts and registered retirement income

funds help the well-off and offer little to the middle class.

He said the tax changes benefit everyone, and accused the opposition parties of planning to reverse the cuts.

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# At 50 years old, it's time for a makeover

## CITY HALL

**Building to get new roof and windows, lose its asbestos**

**Shane Gibson**  
Metro | Winnipeg

Winnipeg City Hall is getting an overhaul.

The building, built for \$8.2 million in 1964, is slated for three years of repairs starting this year, according to a redevelopment strategy recently shared with councillors.

The redevelopment is estimated to cost \$4.1 million.

The major tasks include replacing the building's aging roof and insulation, replacing windows, repairing the building envelope and upgrading and repairing the building's HVAC system.

Other work includes the removal of asbestos, upgrades to



**A conceptual design of councillors' new offices as they will look after about \$4.1 million in repairs.** CONTRIBUTED/METRO

security, service and installation for the sprinkler system, the addition of energy-efficient lighting, upgrades to accessibil-

ity and upgrades to furniture and fixtures.

Councillors' offices, the Office of Policy Strategic Initia-

**\$4.1M**

The redevelopment of Winnipeg City Hall is estimated to cost about \$4.1 million.

tives and the mayor's office are also being overhauled.

While the work is being done, temporary offices for councillors and staff will be set up first in other parts of city hall and then eventually at the Public Safety Building across the street, once police start the move to their new downtown headquarters in the fall.

The redevelopment strategy warns that the \$4.1-million estimate for the work was based on Class 5 cost estimates — which are generally based on limited information — and the true cost of the work could vary from as little as half the estimated total to as much as double.

## IN BRIEF

### Man busted for trying to gouge Jets fans: Police

A man is in hot water with police after he allegedly sold a ticket to a Winnipeg Jets playoff game at almost twice its original value.

Investigators say members of their counter-exploitation unit were near MTS Centre prior to Wednesday night's matchup between the Jets and the Anaheim Ducks.

They say a 51-year-old man sold them a ticket for \$600. The original value was \$344.50, including taxes.

The ticket was seized, and the seller was issued a notice under a section of the provincial Amusement Act for scalping.

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### City to auction off unclaimed bicycles

The City of Winnipeg's annual unclaimed-bike auction happens this weekend.

This year's event will be held at Century Arena on Clarence Avenue on Saturday and Sunday.

About 700 bikes will be auctioned off.

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## THE STREETS

# Petition seeks 24-hour safe space for youth in West End

The community is rallying behind the idea of a 24-hour safe space for at-risk youth in Winnipeg's West End.

Kim Bouvette started petitioning her neighbours to support the idea. So far, she has collected roughly 600 signatures.

"A lot of our young people are going missing, and there's no safe place for them to be," said Bouvette. "If I was to go and hit the streets today, I think I'd probably get triple (the signatures) because of the stuff that's been happening."

The death of Tina Fontaine

and the attack on a 15-year old girl downtown are two tragedies Bouvette doesn't want to see again.

She has teamed up with the Spence Neighbourhood Association (SNA) to develop a place for young people aged 12 to 18 to go at night.

"I live in the area, and nighttime is when the action happens. The johns are out checking

**100**

Close to 100 kids use Spence Neighbourhood Association's drop-in program everyday, Monday through Friday.

out the young girls, (and) the girls have no place to go," said Bouvette.

"We run programming up until 10 p.m. and we know that when kids are leaving they're not going to safe places," said Jamil Mahmood, executive director of SNA.

The first step is to get the drop-in open during the weekend, which would cost \$250,000, said Mahmood. EVA WASNEY/FOR METRO

## CRIME

# Two charged with murder over Selkirk Avenue stabbing

Winnipeg police have arrested two men in connection to a fatal stabbing in the North End last weekend.

Godfrey Virgil Hayden, 27, was found with multiple stab wounds in front of a housing complex at 740 Selkirk Ave. just before 10:50 p.m. Friday night.

Despite the efforts of police and emergency crews to revive him, Hayden was pronounced dead at the scene.

A witness told Metro that Hayden had been stabbed in the back alley of the 700 block of Selkirk Avenue and was able to make it to the front street

before collapsing.

On Thursday, police said Ivan Richard, 22, and Walter Anderson, 18, have each been charged with second-degree murder. Richard is facing additional charges of flight from police and driving while prohibited for allegedly trying to evade capture. METRO





#### RALLY MORE CASH WANTED FOR RENTAL ASSISTANCE

Andrew Allary, left, who relies on rental assistance to pay the rent at his rooming house, presented Manitoba's finance minister Greg Dewar with a pair of his shoes at a rally outside the Legislative Building Thursday. Rally organizers from Make Poverty History Manitoba and Right to Housing hope the shoes will make the minister consider Manitobans living in poverty in next week's budget. The group's called on the province to boost rental assistance to 75 per cent of median market rent in the budget. SHANE GIBSON/METRO

#### UNIVERSITY OF WINNIPEG

## Team launching balloon to edge of space

A team from the University of Winnipeg is launching a high-altitude balloon as part of a worldwide experiment collecting data and video from the edge of space.

Six students from the U of W's Geography & Environmental Students Association and three faculty members plan to launch their balloon Friday at 8 a.m. from FortWhyte Alive.

The team joins others from universities and high schools

across Canada taking part in a project called the High Altitude Balloon Experiment (HABEX), which will see each team launch balloons in the third week of April using an open-source flight system developed by the University of Regina.

The project will gather, analyze and share environmental data and high definition video.

"The opportunity to team up with universities from across

# 268

The Canadian experiments are part of a larger global effort that'll see 268 teams from 46 countries launch similar balloons.

Canada to participate in this experiment is quite phenomenal," said U of W student Kim-

berly Thomson in a release. "The project presents a fun and unique way for us to collect atmospheric data that will be contributing to a major research project."

The University of Winnipeg's part of the experiment will measure global time, GPS position, ultraviolet/infrared/visible light, barometric pressure, temperature, acceleration, angular rotation and magnetic field. METRO

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# NDP wins byelection

#### THE PAS

## Support down since rise in provincial sales tax

The Manitoba New Democrats have retained a long-held seat in a byelection in The Pas, but it was the third straight vote in which NDP support has dropped since the government raised the provincial sales tax.

New Democrat Amanda Lathlin won the northern constituency with 57 per cent of the vote — down sharply from the 73 per cent the NDP captured in the last provincial election. The Progressive Conservative and Liberal candidates both saw their takes rise. NDP support also dropped in two Tory-won byelections last year — in Morris and Arthur-Virden — following the sales tax increase.

Political science professor Paul Thomas, at the University of Manitoba, says the results are not a good sign for the New Democrats, who have already seen support in opinion polls plummet to near record-low numbers.

He says given the fact the NDP

just had a leadership race and signed up new members, their numbers in The Pas ought to have been higher.

"You would have thought they had a better ground game in terms of identifying potential supporters and getting them out," he said Wednesday.

The result Tuesday in The Pas suggests traditional NDP support splintered. The Liberals gained 10 percentage points, the Tories gained seven and a record number of people stayed home.

Voter turnout was 22 per cent, the lowest ever recorded by Elections Manitoba and down from 30 per cent in both the last election and a 2009 byelection.

Thomas said no one can write off the NDP's chances of winning a fifth consecutive mandate in the election slated for next April, but time is short.

"It's an uphill battle, to say the least. It's more like a tremendously steep climb out of the depths of political downfall."

Progressive Conservative Leader Brian Pallister said the drop in NDP support bodes well for his party's chances in many Winnipeg seats, where the Tories finished a close second in 2011.

"If that happens across the province, that'll be a fine thing."

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**HARVEST BAG IT UP** Conservation minister Gord Mackintosh, Multi-Material Stewardship Manitoba executive director Karen Melnychuk, and Winnipeg Harvest executive director David Northcott gather 'round a giant plastic bag to launch Winnipeg Harvest's Bag it Forward campaign. Winnipeggers are asked to drop off their unwanted plastic bags so Harvest can repurpose them to put together food packs. DOUG LITTLE/HANDOUT

# Exhibit showcases water bombers

## PLANES

### 'It's a great Canadian success story': co-ordinator

A new exhibition at the Royal Aviation Museum of Western Canada explores the history of Canadian-made water bombers — known as “super-scoopers” by those in the business of fighting forest fires. Built originally by Canadair in the 1960s and now in Montreal by Bombardier, the strikingly painted yellow and red aircraft are sold around the world.

“It’s a great Canadian success story,” said Paul Balcaen, the museum’s exhibits co-ordinator.

“Canada makes the world’s best water bombers, and pilots love them. They’re very agile.”

Bombardier’s CL415 can scoop up more than 6,000 litres of water in 12 seconds.

“This plane can actually skim on a river at about 100 miles an hour, swerve around boulders and submerged trees, and pick up water at the same time,” Balcaen said. “A pilot can do several pickups and drops per hour — it’s quite amazing.”

The exhibition “Ready for Action!” includes scale mod-

els, photographs and videos.

And if museum-goers are lucky, they’ll see the real thing parked on the tarmac outside.

The museum is located beside Winnipeg’s Richardson International Airport and next to the Manitoba Government Air Services facility, which services the super-scoopers. In summer the planes are based in Gimli, Man.

“There are two outside right now being serviced,” Balcaen said Wednesday.

“I’m hoping they’ll be here for another week or so, but there’s no guarantee.”

“Ready for Action!” opens Friday and will run for about a year. THE CANADIAN PRESS



**A water bomber in action.** HANDOUT

## MUSIC

### Stolen songs lead to better record

Somewhere out there, a laptop with five dozen unreleased songs on it by Canadian singer-songwriter-pianist Jeffery Straker is waiting to be found.

The computer and backup drives were stolen from Straker’s Regina home in a break-in one year ago, and he never got them back.

“They were looking for gadgets and they got my songs I’d written for my new record. I had to start all over again,” said Straker, who also has a place in Toronto.

After he writes a new song, Straker sets it aside with the intent to come back to it with fresh ears a few weeks later. “So because of that, I hadn’t committed songs to memory,” he explained.



**Canadian folk-pop singer-songwriter Jeffery Straker.**

“When they were stolen, I really lost them.”

Over the course of last summer, Straker hunkered down at his piano and wrote himself

into a “good creative place”, with ideas “coming fast and furious,” he said.

Out of devastation came North Star Falling, Straker’s optimistic new album. “I actually think I ended up with better songs than if the break-in had never happened,” he said. “Overall, I think I finished the record with better material. But I have no way of knowing.”

Straker and his guitarist, Brodie Mohninger, will perform songs from North Star Falling in an album-release show on Tuesday, 8 p.m. at the West End Cultural Centre.

Advance tickets are \$15 at Ticketfly.com, Music Trader and the Winnipeg Folk Festival Music Store.

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# Manitoba roads are the pits

## INFRASTRUCTURE

### CAA names the top 10 worst streets in the province

**Eva Wasney**  
For Metro | Winnipeg

Giant potholes, crumbling curbs and uneven asphalt — Manitoba's roads and highways offer little to brag about.

On Wednesday, CAA released its list of the 10 worst roads in the province after receiving just over 6,000 votes from the road-outraged public.

Voting increased 20 per cent from last year.

"(Voting) is up sizably from last year," said Mike Mager, CEO and President of CAA Manitoba. "What it could mean is that our roads are in very bad shape and that's concerning."

Provincial Road 208 in Gillam, Man. came out on top this year, dethroning St. James Street in Winnipeg, which has won the honour twice in the campaign's four-year history.

Mager said he is saddened that St. James continues to make the list and wishes the city's construction efforts were more urgent.

"If it takes all summer to do two blocks, how are you going to do the whole length of St. James that needs work?" said Mager.

Ness Avenue came in third this year, and four out of the top ten roads are in rural Manitoba.

CAA asked voters to rate roads on their congestion, potholes, light timing, pedestrian and cyclist safety and poor signage.

"The problem is our roads had been ignored for so long,"

said Mager. "We are still playing catch-up. It's not where we want to be, but by identifying the priorities we can go to the government."

Ron Kostyshyn, minister of

**“The problem is our roads had been ignored for so long.”**

Mike Mager



Chunks of curb are scattered on the sidewalk of Ness Avenue, which was voted third worst road in Manitoba according to CAA's 2015 Worst Roads campaign. EVA WASNEY/FOR METRO

infrastructure and transportation, announced the province plans to spend \$25 million on upgrades to PR 208 over the next two years.

This week's federal budget announcement revealed less money allotted to roads than the province had hoped.

"(Infrastructure) is a necessity

and I think the federal government recognizes that we need to invest in it and we were definitely hoping on additional dollars," said Kostyshyn.

## IN BRIEF

### Trans-Can speed limit to increase on Man. stretch

A faster speed limit on the Trans-Canada Highway west of Winnipeg to the Saskatchewan boundary goes into effect June 2.

The speed limit is to increase to 110 km/h from 100 km/h on most twinned sections of the highway.

Manitoba Premier Greg Selinger, who promised the change last fall, says it will enable better traffic flow.

Selinger says since 2007 the province has spent \$242 million to upgrade the Trans-Canada Highway.

The government says other improvements to the highway east of Portage la Prairie that were started last year are to be completed this summer.

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The speed limit between Winnipeg and Brandon is about to go up. ISTOCK

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# Mass strip search of U.S. students

## BORDER

### Incident may have violated charter rights

A busload of American college and university students was strip-searched by Canadian border guards three years ago in an incident that violated government policy and may have contravened the Charter of Rights and Freedoms, documents show.

According to an internal Canadian Border Services Agency report that was obtained by Metroland Media and the Toronto Star, the mass strip search was carried out at the Thousand Islands Bridge border crossing in Lansdowne, Ont., on Dec. 31, 2011.

The bus, carrying 48 American students aged 18 to 25, was headed to Montreal to ring in the new year, followed by a couple of days of skiing at Mont Tremblant. The students were mostly males, but there were at least 10 females.

The report said the tour bus arrived at the crossing around



**The border crossing on Wellesley Island in the Thousand Islands region. In 2011, a busload of 48 American students was stopped and the students strip-searched.** TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

11 a.m. that day. When an initial immigration check revealed "past criminality" among some passengers, the students were asked to step off the bus. A search of the vehicle revealed six grams of marijuana and a small amount of what was believed to be cocaine, the report said.

The following several hours were "a nightmare ... it was a horror story," one passenger said in an interview. The man, now 27, requested his name not be used for this story.

"I had to go into a room, with two guys that were sitting at a table, and take off all my clothes, and then drop my pants and turn around," he said.

It's not clear why CBSA launched the review, or if anyone had complained.

But the documents show the

CBSA kept the strip search under wraps for more than three years, waiting to see if details would leak out before commenting.

A media plan was drafted and a statement was readied in case reporters contacted CBSA for comment.

In a statement issued Thursday, CBSA spokesperson Chris Kealey said the agency reviewed its strip-search policies after the incident and sent an operational bulletin to all staff in February 2012.

"For example, each individual case is to be looked at independently of any other traveller and that the presence of specific indicators for that traveller be considered," Kealey said.

The report also made several observations and recommendations and said that "a greater

focus on the legislation, policies/guidelines (around strip searches) and the Charter of Rights and Freedoms is required to address deficiencies."

A separate memo, written after the initial report, said: "The decision ... to conduct the 48 personal searches was not in keeping with CBSA Policies and Procedures."

Bruce Ryder, a professor at Osgoode Hall law school in Toronto, said charter rights extend to travellers crossing into Canada, and that the students would likely have a good case that those rights were violated.

"Courts have said entering the country you have diminished expectation of privacy, but that doesn't mean your right ceases to exist," Ryder said.

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## FRENCH MINISTER

### Terrorism linked to racism: Taubira

The marginalization caused by racism has an alienating effect that makes people more vulnerable to terrorist recruiters, says France's visiting justice minister.

Christiane Taubira knows of what she speaks: as France's most prominent black politician, she has faced repeated public racist slurs in her country.

Taubira made it clear that she doesn't see being discriminated against as an explanation or excuse for terrorism.

"I'm not sure I want to understand the causes of terrorism," she said in an exclusive interview Thursday at the French Embassy in Ottawa. "Terror is terror, just absolute."

But Taubira said there is a link between a young person being pushed to the margins of society and "how easy" that makes it for a terrorist to recruit them, especially using the Internet.

"Because it's so easy for (terrorists) to say, 'You will be very important because you will be very powerful, you will be able to kill, and afterwards you will be happy,'" she said.

"The link is there. It's easy to convince young people that there is a better life in terrorism than in hoping in the society."

Taubira said being on the receiving end of some vicious racist slurs has only made her stronger.

She said this week's appointment of Toronto's first black police chief, Mark Saunders, carries the sort of symbolism that can give some young people a sense

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**We do believe that what terror aims at is to show that democracy is a weak system, and we have to demonstrate that it's a strong system.**

Christiane Taubira, France's justice minister

of hope. But she was quick to add: "I don't want just one person on TV, one person in the government ... I want equality for all."

Taubira was on a visit to meet her federal counterparts in Ottawa, Justice Minister Peter MacKay and Public Safety Minister Steven Blaney, and will travel to Montreal on Friday.

France and Canada, she said, are forging deep co-operative links in the fight against terrorism following January's deadly terror attacks in Paris and the October killings of two Canadian soldiers in separate incidents in Ottawa and Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu, Que.

France, like Canada, has proposed anti-terrorism legislation. While Taubira did not comment specifically on Canada's bill, she did emphasize the need to preserve the balance between fighting terrorism and protecting civil liberties and democratic principles. THE CANADIAN PRESS



**Christiane Taubira** SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

## + DETAILS

The report says the request came directly from Chief Mark Pergunas, the top border officer at the crossing. Reached Thursday at the Thousand Islands bridge facility, Pergunas declined to comment. Kealey said Pergunas approved the search without notifying his superiors, but did not say if he had faced any discipline.

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# Reporter feels isolated within poverty bubble

## CHALLENGE DAY 4

**Metro reporter realizes hunger isn't all he has to worry about**



**Gilbert Ngabo**  
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I faced a surprising challenge one morning this week.

As I was on the train coming into work, the sky unexpectedly turned dark and it started pouring rain. It was one of those cold mornings in the middle of April when what everybody wants is as much sunshine and warmth as possible.

My friend, who rides the train with me, started talking about getting his second coffee of the day as soon as

## LIVING BELOW THE LINE

**The reporter:** Gilbert Ngabo works for Metro in Toronto. He moved to Canada from Rwanda five years ago.

**The mission:** To live on just \$1.75 a day for five days — a challenge made to all Canadians by the Global Poverty Project, which says that's the daily budget

of those who live below the poverty line.

**The series:** Day 4 of 5, the social isolation that comes with poverty.

**Follow Gilbert Ngabo at metronews.ca. The final installment will appear in Metro on Monday.**

we got to the terminal.

It was a couple of days into this week's challenge of Living Below the Line and experiencing some semblance of life in extreme poverty. I was beginning to feel slightly more hungry and physically weaker.

I'd expected this, but what I hadn't expected was to find myself in a kind of seclusion — kept from normal life rou-

tines because of money constraints.

I'm not a big coffee drinker, but on that particular morning, a coffee and a chat with a friend in that cold would have been perfect.

Poverty, it turns out, is more than just feeling hungry and tired.

There's a sense of isolation that comes from not being

able to socialize with a friend over, say, a cup of coffee.

I've been feeling isolated all week.

The bubble of restrictions created by the challenge makes it impossible to sit down and share a meal with others, either at home or in a restaurant.

I passed on going out with friends to watch a Raptors game, fearing that would mean spending money on drinks.

And I didn't make plans to go to the movies, because that would probably mean buying popcorn or something else totally beyond my \$1.75-a-day budget.

Part of what I've learned since taking on this challenge has been to appreciate the little things in life that I take for granted. That morning was one of those learning moments.

In modern society, coffee

isn't something most people have to have a plan to buy. If you feel like having a cup, you can just grab some change and go get it.

You hardly ever mind the price.

I successfully resisted the urge to act that morning as my friend bought a coffee when we arrived at the food court.

On the rest of the trip to my office, I reflected on what poverty really means to the people who live in it. I imagined a poor person missing out on that coffee and chat due to lack of money.

The struggle of living on a meagre budget is about more than food, basic shelter, clothing and education. There's an emotional toll that leads to anxiety and, quite honestly, depression.

Just another reminder that I'm lucky to be able to share a coffee with a friend, any time I want.



**Latasha Gosling and her kids.**  
HANDOUT/THE CANADIAN PRESS

## CRIME

**Killer took pics of dead: Cousin**

A relative of a woman and three children murdered this week in Saskatchewan said their killer took pictures of the bodies and then sent copies to the children's biological father, before taking his own life.

Tim Funk, a cousin of Latasha Gosling, said Steve O'Shaughnessy was the woman's boyfriend and that he was emotionally abusive, controlling and jealous.

On Tuesday, the husband received the photos in a text sent to his cellphone, said Funk.

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# Obama takes responsibility for drone-strike casualties

## MILITARY

### American and Italian hostages killed in CIA mission

President Barack Obama revealed Thursday that U.S. drone strikes in Pakistan inadvertently killed an American and an Italian, two hostages held by al-Qaida, as well as two other Americans who had leadership roles with the terror network.

Obama somberly said he took full responsibility for the January CIA strikes and regretted the deaths of hostages Warren Weinstein and Giovanni Lo Porto, an Italian aid worker.

The president cast the incident as a tragic consequence of the special difficulties of the fight against terrorists.

The incident is likely to spark fresh scrutiny of Obama's frequent use of drones to target terrorists and his pledge to strike only when there is "near-certainty" that no civilians will be harmed.

Weinstein, who was captured as he neared the end of a contract assignment with the U.S. Agency for International Development, and Lo Porto were



President Barack Obama pauses while speaking in the Brady Press Briefing Room of the White House in Washington on Thursday. The president took full responsibility for deaths of American and Italian hostages, and expressed apologies. PABLO MARTINEZ MONSIVAIS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

killed during a drone strike against an al-Qaida compound in Pakistan, near the Afghan border.

U.S. officials said the compound was targeted because intelligence showed it was frequented by al-Qaida leaders. That same intelligence offered no indication the hostages were there, the officials said.

Ahmed Farouq, a dual U.S.-Pakistani national who was an al-Qaida operations leader in Pakistan, was killed in the strike, along with a small number of members of the terror organization, the officials said. Adam



**It is a cruel and bitter truth that in the fog of war generally and our fight against terrorists specifically, mistakes — sometimes deadly mistakes — can occur.**

U.S. President Barack Obama

Gadah, an American who served as an al-Qaida spokesman, was killed in a separate strike on a second compound.

"It is a cruel and bitter truth that in the fog of war generally and our fight against terrorists specifically, mistakes — sometimes deadly mistakes — can

occur," Obama said at the White House.

U.S. officials said Farouq and Gadahn were not specifically targeted in the operations and there was no evidence they were at either compound. The officials said had they reviewed hundreds of hours of surveillance of the

compounds, including continuous monitoring of the facility where Farouq was killed in the days leading up to the strike.

"We believed that this was an al-Qaida compound, that no civilians were present and that capturing these terrorists was not possible," Obama said. "And we do believe that the operation did take out dangerous members of al-Qaida."

The president said he had ordered a review of the incidents to help identify any changes that might be made to prevent similar deaths in the future.

The CIA drone program has killed al-Qaida leaders, Pakistani Taliban fighters and other militants hiding in tribal regions, sparking anger across Pakistan over allegations of widespread civilian casualties.

White House spokesman Josh Earnest said Obama did not personally sign off on the two drone strikes but believes they fell within the guidelines he has set for counterterror missions. Earnest also said the president did not regret the deaths of Farouq and Gadahn.

Officials said it became evident in the weeks after the strikes that Weinstein, the American hostage, might have been killed. A final assessment was reached in recent days and administration officials started briefing members of Congress.

The Republican leader of the House, Speaker John Boehner, welcomed Obama's review of the incident, calling it "entirely appropriate." And Rep. Adam Schiff, the top Democrat on the House Intelligence Committee, said it would be crucial to examine the operation "to make sure that the high standards that have been set were, in fact, met."

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## MEDITERRANEAN

### EU states commit to aiding migrants

European Union leaders committed extra ships, planes and helicopters to save lives in the Mediterranean at an emergency summit convened Thursday to address a crisis that has left more than 1,300 migrants dead over the past three weeks, and agreed to lay the groundwork for military action against traffickers.

Germany and France pledged two ships each, while Britain committed three to patrol the Mediterranean, and other member states also lined up more vessels and helicopters that could be used to rescue migrants, officials said.

EU member states also agreed to triple funding to nine million euros (\$9.7 million US) a month for the EU operation that patrols the Mediterranean.

They assigned EU foreign policy chief Federica Mogherini to line up the diplomatic options that would allow EU militaries to strike against the boats used by traffickers. Officials said the lack of a strong Libyan government would likely make UN backing necessary.

"Leaders have already pledged significantly greater support, including many more vessels, aircraft and experts" than had been anticipated, EU President Donald Tusk said. French President Francois Hollande said the EU would hold a summit in Malta with African countries by this summer to see how the continents can

work together to better deal with the crisis. The announcements came as 24 victims of the worst-ever migrant disaster in the Mediterranean were buried Thursday in Malta. Two dozen caskets containing the only bodies recovered from the weekend capsizing off Libya that left some 800 migrants feared dead were laid out for a memorial service on the grounds of Malta's main hospital, followed by burial at the island nation's largest cemetery.

Desperate migrants fleeing war, repression and poverty in Africa and the Middle East threw their lot in with smugglers who charged \$1,000 to \$2,000 for a spot on overcrowded and unseaworthy boats to make the perilous crossing. Ending that is Europe's main challenge.

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**1,300**

**1,300 migrants have died in the Mediterranean over the past three weeks.**

## + STRIKES

Since 2004, the U.S. has carried out some 400 suspected drone strikes in Pakistan, according to the New America Foundation's International Security Program, which tracks the American campaign.

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## FERGUSON, MO.

### Brown's parents file wrongful-death suit

Michael Brown's parents filed a wrongful-death lawsuit against the city of Ferguson on Thursday, opening a new chapter in the legal battle over the 18-year-old's fatal shooting by a white officer that sparked a protest movement about the way police in the U.S. treat blacks.

Brown was unarmed and walking in the street with a friend on Aug. 9 when officer Darren Wilson told them to move to the sidewalk. That led to a heated confrontation and a scuffle be-

tween Wilson and Brown inside Wilson's squad car. Wilson shot Brown after the scuffle spilled into the street. Some witnesses said Brown was trying to surrender, but Wilson said Brown was moving toward him aggressively, forcing him to shoot.

Civil cases generally require a lower standard of proof than criminal cases. Jurors must find a preponderance of evidence, not proof beyond a reasonable doubt needed to convict in a criminal trial. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## IN BRIEF

### Ex-CIA director sentenced to two years probation, \$100K fine

Former CIA director David Petraeus, whose career was destroyed by an extramarital affair with his biographer, was sentenced Thursday to two years' probation and fined \$100,000 for giving her classified material.

The sentencing came two months after he agreed to plead guilty to a federal misdemeanor count of unauthorized removal and retention of classified material. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## SOUTH AFRICA

### Thousands march against xenophobia

Several thousand people marched through South Africa's largest city on Thursday in a demonstration against recent attacks on immigrants that killed seven people.

Demonstrators walked through the centre of Johannesburg, passing high-rise neighborhoods that are home to many immigrants.

The crowd sang, whistled and beat drums. Children in school uniform mingled with activists. The violence against immigrants

in South Africa this month occurred in Johannesburg and another major city, Durban. The attacks stemmed from a perception among some South Africans that immigrants are taking jobs and opportunities at their expense.

"At least people will see not everyone is xenophobic," said Adria Kayitare, a Rwandan immigrant in South Africa, said she joined the march because she believed it would send a strong message to South Africans.

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# Gallipoli is remembered

## FIRST WORLD WAR

**100 years ago, Allied offensive resulted in 130,000 deaths**

Whenever he leaves the house, Kenan Ersoz hides the bayonet his father used to defend the crumbling Ottoman Empire against the British-led invasion of Gallipoli a century ago. The father saw it as a friend that kept him alive. The son keeps it as his most prized possession. The campaign is no less present for descendants of soldiers from Australia and New Zealand who played a leading role for the other side.

John Carnell travelled from Sydney with his wife, Carol, and two children, Kate and Tom, to visit spots where his great-grandfather landed on the peninsula — and where he was mortally wounded months later. In the lottery to obtain tickets for the 100th anniversary commemoration this week, Carnell wanted his children to come more than



A Gallipoli memorial at Eceabat in Gallipoli peninsula, Turkey. LEFERIS PITRAKIS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

he wanted to come himself.

"People only really die when the living stop talking about them," he said. "I can bang on about my ancestor for another 20 years or so. My children can do it for 50 and they can tell their grandchildren."

As world leaders gather



**We could see the ugly side of war on my father's body.**

Kenan Ersoz

Thursday and Friday with the descendants, the memories of one of the most harrowing campaigns of the 20th century have come surging back to life. The doomed Allied offensive to secure a naval route from the Mediterranean to Istanbul through the Dardanelles, and

take the Ottomans out of the war, resulted in over 130,000 deaths on both sides. It came to be seen as a folly of British war planning.

The campaign's enduring poignancy may be that it forged national identities for countries on both sides.

Mustafa Kemal Atatürk used his prominence as a commander at Gallipoli, known as Canakkale to the Turks, to vault into prominence, lead Turkey's War of Independence — and ultimately found the Turkish Republic.

Similarly, the tragic fate of troops from Australia and New Zealand, who played a key role in the campaign, is said to have inspired an identity distinct from Britain. The anniversary of the start of the land campaign on April 25, known as ANZAC Day, after the Australia and New Zealand Army Corps, is marked as a coming of age for both nations.

On April 25, 1915, troops were rowed in at dawn to narrow beaches with scant cover only to encounter rugged hills and scorching fire by concealed Turks. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## IN BRIEF

### Japan has 'wrong attitude to history': China

Three Japanese cabinet ministers on Thursday visited a Tokyo shrine that honours the country's war dead, including convicted war criminals, drawing a rebuke from China one day after Prime Minister Shinzo Abe met President Xi Jinping.

"I offered my sincere appreciation for the people who fought and sacrificed their lives for the sake of their country," said Eriko Yamatani, disaster management minister. Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Hong Lei called the visits a "wrong attitude to history." China and South Korea, both victims of Japan's aggression, have asked Tokyo to atone.

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### SS guard knew Jews would die: Testimony

A former Auschwitz guard Oskar Groening, now 93, being tried in Berlin on accessory to murder, testified that it was clear to him Jews were not expected to leave the camp in Poland alive. It was the trial's third day. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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## IN BRIEF

**Ontario to lead export growth this year: Report**

Ontario is expected to lead all other provinces in export growth this year before a recovery in oil prices in 2016 restores the fortunes of energy-producing provinces like Alberta, according to a report Thursday by Export Development Canada. Exports of goods from Canada's manufacturing heartland are forecast to grow by 10 per cent to \$195 billion.

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**B.C. firm to help space station's live stream**

A Vancouver-based company has announced that it's teaming up with NASA to help send out live, high-definition video of the Earth taken from the International Space Station. Scott Larson, the CEO of UrtheCast Corp., says within a few months his firm's website will be distributing the real-time video taken by four cameras on the space station.

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Researchers have linked a spike in seismic activity in the U.S. mainly to injecting wastewater underground, activating dormant faults. KAREN BLEIER/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

# Report maps earthquakes set off by energy drilling

## OIL AND GAS

## Stable regions in 8 U.S. states see seismic activity spike

More than a dozen areas in the United States have been shaken in recent years by small earthquakes triggered by oil-and-gas drilling, a government report released Thursday found.

The man-made quakes jolted once-stable regions in eight states, including parts of Alabama, Arkansas, Colorado, Kansas, New Mexico, Ohio,

Oklahoma and Texas, according to researchers at the U.S. Geological Survey.

Experts said the spike in seismic activity is mainly caused by the oil-and-gas industry injecting wastewater deep underground, which can activate dormant faults. A few instances stem from hydraulic fracturing, in which large volumes of water, sand and chemicals are pumped into rock formations to free oil or gas.

Many studies have linked the rise in small quakes to the injection of wastewater into disposal wells, but the Geological Survey's report takes the first comprehensive look



**They're ancient faults.... We don't always know where they are.**

Geological Survey geophysicist William Ellsworth

at where the man-made quakes are occurring.

"The hazard is high in these areas," said Mark Petersen, who leads the agency's national mapping project.

Oklahoma lately has been rocked by more magnitude-3 quakes than California, the most seismically active of the lower 48 states, Petersen said.

Oklahoma was not on scientists' radar until recently, when the state experienced

a spate of quakes, the largest registering a magnitude-5.6 in 2011. Earlier this week, the Oklahoma Geological Survey acknowledged that it is very likely that most of the recent shaking is from wastewater disposal.

Many faults awakened by drilling have not moved in millions of years, Geological Survey geophysicist William Ellsworth said.

"They're ancient faults," Ells-

worth said. "We don't always know where they are."

A message to the American Petroleum Institute was not immediately returned. The industry group has said efforts are made to map fault lines where drilling occurs.

A group of experts met last year in Oklahoma to pinpoint seismic hot spots around the country caused by induced quakes. Scientists initially identified 14 regions affected by quakes linked to drilling. They later added three other high-risk areas — northern Oklahoma/southern Kansas; Greeley, Colo.; and Azle, Texas.

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## A toast to toast (and not the artisanal kind sold at luxury prices)

Toast is among the more inane hipster trends right now: Painfully cool cafés charging \$5 for a slice of artisan toast and jam. But toast hit peak cliché with the advent of the charred selfie.

The U.S. company Burnt Impressions charges \$85 for a customized toaster that pops out browned bread in your likeness, which seems especially pricey since you'll likely slather peanut butter on top, making your face pointless.

There is no simple pleasure that hipsters won't corrupt.

Toast culture itself is very, very old. Writer Mary Mann has traced it back to the Romans: "Tostum" is Latin for scorched, and toast was made by putting stale bread on a stone near fire, and later, on a wire frame over fire," she wrote in her essay *A Brief History of Toast*. It was about household economics, a way to rejuvenate stale bread and extend your food.

Toasting forks were invented to make the process easier, and they became ubiquitous by the 19th century, said food historian William Rubel, author of the book *Bread: A Global History*. "When you use a toasting fork and toast in front of the fire place, you can fully modulate the extent to which the toast is toasted." It was, he said, the most personalized of foods.

British toast culture likely

developed in part because wheat bread is well suited to toasting, he mused. But it was the invention of the electric toaster and sliced bread that cemented toast as the humble, inexpensive breakfast food of modern England, the U.S. and Canada.

Toast culture has other reasons for enduring. The sweet smell of bread crisping. The charred, caramelized taste. At my grandmother's cottage on Lake Muskoka, the dining table was a long picnic bench to squeeze as many people in at a time, and the toaster sat on the sideboard. Whoever sat nearest was on duty, rotating slices in, serving them out when they shot up steaming.

Even scientists haven't been able to resist toast's allure. One researcher in the U.K. found our love of toast is really a love of childhood, and the aroma brings waves of memories — nostalgia for breakfast.

I guess, then, we should have been expecting this — overpriced toast that misses the point that toast is loved for its humbleness, and breakfast as yet another mirror of your own existence. It used be Jesus on a slice of bread.

I'd rather see his face in the morning than my own, and I wish "artisan" wasn't an excuse to charge luxury prices for such a simple pleasure as toast.

## Happy face/Sad face

From potential **personhood** for primates to **lewd funerals**, Metro weighs in on the news that made headlines this week



### Community composting happens

Free piles of compost and (if you're lucky) manure are starting to appear at designated pick-up points across Canada, thanks to local initiatives by municipalities and neighbourhood groups. Residents use pails or wheelbarrows to collect "black gold" for their gardens. For more information, contact your municipality — or start your own program with help from the Compost Council of Canada at [compost.org](http://compost.org).



### Stripping for the dead no longer allowed

A dearth of cultural activities and the belief that high turnout honours the dead has resulted in traditional opera and even movie screenings at family funerals in rural China. But "lewd" performances — including strippers — is going too far, say authorities. The Ministry of Culture has announced that those responsible for any more vulgar acts will be punished. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



### New Orleans, Miami: sin cities no more?

New Orleans has imposed a ban on smoking in bars, gambling halls, hotels, workplaces, private clubs and stores. And that includes e-cigarettes. Meanwhile, in Miami, city commissioners are considering a proposal to ban alcohol sales at open-air bars and cafés — but only from 2 to 8 a.m. Last call is currently 5 a.m., with drinking in the wee hours blamed for a rise in bad behaviour all round.



### Chimpanzees may yet get person status

Two research chimpanzees may be freed next month if the New York State Supreme Court deems they have rights as persons. The lawsuit was initiated by the Non-human Rights Project. According to Science magazine, NhRP is set to launch more cases offering scientific evidence that elephants, great apes, whales and dolphins "are autonomous beings and deserve the right to bodily liberty."

# Men eat up feminism when it's this funny

## THE KOHLER REPORT

Rebecca Kohler



Some people take feminist studies because they're interested, others take it to pick up chicks (I seriously know a guy who did that), and some people might be taking a variation of feminist studies without even knowing it.

American comedian Amy Schumer's sketch show, *Inside Amy Schumer*, premiered its third season on Tuesday night and in terms of feminist studies, it packed a mean, hilarious, well-manicured punch.

Schumer is already well known as someone who pushes envelopes on lots of topics, but Tuesday's episode was saturated in women's issues and, just as sugar helps the medicine go down, I'm thinking humour might help the

feminism go down.

There was a sketch titled *Last F-able Day* starring Julia Louis-Dreyfus, Tina Fey and Patricia Arquette about how women in Hollywood have a sexual expiration date (whereas men stay desirable forever).

A parody commercial for birth control was juxtaposed with the fact that American women need the approval of several random men to get their hands on contraception.

And another brilliant sketch poked at rape culture, seemingly using the Steubenville, Ohio, rape case of 2012 as a touchstone for satire.

In it, Josh Charles channelled Coach from *Friday Night Lights*, shocking his high-school football players, and courting censure from the community, by instituting a new rule for the team: "No raping." This might all sound heavy, and it WAS. But it was

also some of the funniest television I've seen in years. Aside from being entertained, I was excited by the fact the show is equally popular among Comedy Central's male and female viewers — and thought about all kinds of possibilities this offered in terms of educating and communicating with those whose ears normally shut off at the mention of the word "feminism."

### Schumer is a comical Trojan horse with female empowerment hidden inside.

First I imagined a hypothetical scenario in which a stereotypical "dumb jock" comes in contact with a "feminist" — maybe in a dentist's waiting room? As soon as the feminist

starts talking to the jock about feminist issues he rolls his eyes, blocks her out and continues "reading" his *Maxim* magazine. Then I imagined the same jock, in a marijuana haze, stumbling upon *Inside Amy Schumer*.

I can totally see the jock laughing and guffawing, "Ha ha. It's funny 'cause it's true." And then a few seconds later thinking, "D'oh!" followed by the icky feeling of having learned something.

Comedians have long been known as social commentators who help to improve society.

Amy Schumer is a comical Trojan horse with female empowerment hidden inside.

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# Our obsession with immortality

## ANALYSIS

**The Age of Adaline is just one of many films about eternal life**

### IN FOCUS

**Richard Crouse**



The new Blake Lively movie, *The Age of Adaline*, sees its star play a woman who was frozen in time at age 29, never to age another day. No laugh lines, stiffness in the bones or grey hair for her. She drifts through life, an eternal 20-something, as her pals age and eventually die.

How does she compare to friends and family? Well, in the film, the youthful centenarian Lively has a daughter played by Ellen Burstyn, a veteran actress 55 years her co-star's senior.

It's a romantic fantasy that brings up an interesting question. Sure, the idea of defying age sounds intriguing, but why would you want to fall in love when there is no possibility of growing old together? That's the dreamy question at the heart of the film; the notion that allows director Lee Toland Krieger to explore the mushier side of the story. But what about the engine that drives the tale — immortality?

With characters like Wolverine and Twilight's Edward Cullen pulling in big box-of-

fice bucks, it's not shocking that movies seem infatuated with eternal life. Nor should it come as a shock that actors are drawn to immortal characters. The obsession with youth is one thing, that's a job requirement — perhaps that's why the U.S., with Los Angeles at the epicentre, is the world capital of plastic surgery — but I think it goes beyond that.

With visions of an ageless Adaline dancing in my head I posed a simple question to Alex Garland, the director and screenwriter of this weekend's artificial intelligence drama *Ex Machina*: "Why have movies about immortality been so popular with actors and filmmakers?" I got an intriguing answer.

"There is an interest floating around which is as much to do with longevity as it is immortality," he said, "but it contains immortality as a long-term goal."

"Broadly speaking, what I would say, at least where filmmakers are concerned, is that they're subject to the same zeitgeist things that everybody else is, so what they will do is manifest it in their job."

Perhaps that's why in the coming months we'll see eternal characters in everything from *The Avengers: Age of Ultron* and *Terminator Genisys* to *Pan* and *Crimson Peak*.

The rich and famous have always dreamed of extending natural life. For instance, although it's an urban legend that Walt Disney was frozen cryogenically to be thawed later, it makes a good and



Michiel Huisman and Blake Lively star in *The Age of Adaline*, which opens this weekend. CONTRIBUTED

almost true-sounding story. While working on *Ex Machina*, Garland says he discovered tales of wealthy people looking to find immortality through science.

"The researchers might be quite realistic about what artificial intelligence can promise, but the funders may be less realistic about it. One of the things that some of the funders are looking for, and I've heard this expressed very explicitly, not in a coded way, but an absolutely straightforward

**Powerful people don't want to die**  
 Director Alex Garland

way, is the ability to download yourself and for you to survive long as a result of your enormous wealth.

"Powerful people don't want to die. Everyone else figures they don't have a choice but the really powerful people fig-

## MOVIE RATINGS by Richard Crouse

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ure they do have a choice and they are going to explore it just in case."

I think Hollywood may be obsessed with immortality for one other reason. Film stock

offers its own kind of eternity, where one never ages and on the screen Blake Lively will be the 29-year-old Adaline forever. Check out our interview with Blake Lively on page 24.

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**LITERATURE**

## Harper Lee audio book nabs Reese

Harper Lee's upcoming novel, the year's most talked about literary release, will have some added star power for the audio edition: Reese Witherspoon.

The Oscar-winning actress will narrate Lee's *Go Set a Watchman*, HarperCollins announced Thursday. Lee, 88, stunned the world by agreeing to the release of *Go Set a Watchman*, scheduled for July and her only published work besides *To Kill a Mockingbird*,

which came out in 1960. The new book was completed before *Mockingbird*, but takes place in the 1950s, 20 years after the setting for her first novel. Both books feature Atticus Finch, Scout and other famous literary characters.

Witherspoon, a Louisiana native, said in a statement that she considered it "an honour and privilege to give voice to the Southern characters" she had loved since childhood. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Reese Witherspoon is to narrate the audio edition of the new Harper Lee book, *Go Set a Watchman*. GETTY IMAGES

## FIFTY SHADES

### Husband to pen sequel

The *Fifty Shades of Grey* sequel will be a family affair.

A spokeswoman for Universal Pictures confirmed Thursday that the husband of E. L. James, Niall Leonard, will write the script for the follow-up to the global hit.

Leonard is also a published author. He has written for several British TV shows, including *Air Force One Is Down* and *Wire in the Blood*.

Kelly Marcel penned the original adaptation but isn't returning. Also not returning is director Sam Taylor-Johnson, whose disputes with James were well-known.

The Hollywood Reporter first reported Leonard's involvement in the sequel. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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How much *Fifty Shades of Grey* has grossed at the box office worldwide.



Domhnall Gleeson, left, and Oscar Isaac in *Ex Machina*. CONTRIBUTED

# Oscar Isaac is leery of robots

**SCI-FI**

## Ex Machina star has a lot to say about technology



**Ned Ehrbar**  
 Metro | Hollywood

After earning acclaim for roles set in the past — like *Inside Llewyn Davis* and *A Most Violent Year* — Oscar Isaac is firmly facing forward with the mind-bending new sci-fi indie *Ex Machina* — in which he plays a hermetic scientist trying to perfect artificial intelligence — and some other little film later this year called *Star Wars: the Force Awakens*. But that doesn't mean he's optimistic about the future.

**There have been plenty of stories — movies, books, TV shows — about A.I. and the Singularity, and almost all of them end badly. Why do you think that is?**

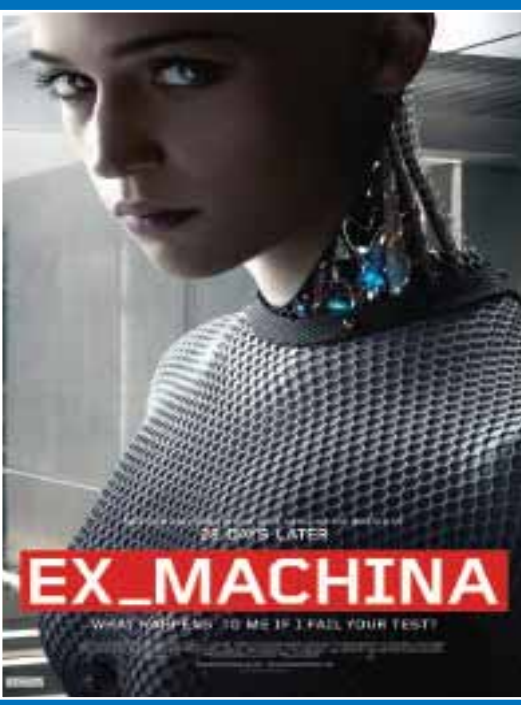
There's Kurzweil, who's a futurist who's a complete optimist. I actually read a book called *The Optimist's Guide to the Future*, as well. It was very funny. I think with history in general, the things we create we tend to lose control over. The Industrial Revolution is an ex-

ample of how in a very short amount of time, we've done a lot of damage, like what's happening with the sea level rising, climate change — which is all real and is all happening. It's like, if that happens with stuff that's not self-aware, what would happen with things that are self-aware? Now Kurzweil, as an optimist, he believes that they will definitely grow exponentially once you do reach the singularity. But he's optimistic that we will become more machine as well. That's the only way we'll compete — with nanotechnology, with exoskeletons, whatever it is, we will also be able to compete by becoming more machine ourselves. Which we already are, you know. I mean, we have any answer to any question right (on our iPhones), even though it's disposable knowledge. I think it's very few people who actually retain anything that they look up on Google.

**That's a popular word for deriding technological advancement: disposable. Take just music, what it's done to music. I think music is way more disposable now, and people don't interact with it the same way they used to. I think that you've got lots of music going into your head, but I don't think**

that the experience is as deep as it maybe once was. Things are on shuffle, it's all content, just constant shifts of content, as opposed to living with an album for a while and seeing how it fits with your experience of the world. I don't know, I just find that it feels like interaction in general is more disposable and less precious than it has been in the past. Then again, I'm sure when they invented the phone people were saying the same —. So I don't know.

**With technological advancements, I feel like there's always a point where you personally become old, a line you can't cross conceptually, and for me it was the cloud. Do you have one?** That's giving up total ownership, right? I'm leasing everything in my life. I feel similarly with the cloud thing. I'm not a big social media person, either. It's not that interesting to me. I mean, I get why it can be a tool for promotion and a tool for coming together in protest — I get those aspects of it. But for me, I'm just not very interested in it. In some ways, it underlies how I don't have a connection with some of these people. On one I have these random friends, and it's just another example of how no, they really aren't in my life.



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# Russell says he's easy to work with

**MOVIES**

## Crowe gets into the director's chair for *The Water Diviner*



**Ned Ehrbar**  
 Metro | Hollywood

Russell Crowe steps behind the camera for his first feature as a director, *The Water Diviner*, offering a new, sometimes controversial view on the fallout from the Battle of Gallipoli in the Second World War, with Australian and Turkish families reeling in equal measure from the devastating battle. He also had just the actor in mind for the lead role, some Australian bloke named Russell Crowe. As luck would have it, the two got along just fine.

**What was it about this story in particular that made it**

**something you had to direct?**

It's a funny thing, I didn't really choose this project. It kind of snuck up and chose me ... There's a historical connection, a cultural connection with Australians and New Zealanders and the battle of Gallipoli, and there's the simple reality of the narrative, the story of a man who had three sons who go to war and don't come back. As a father of two, that's going to hit me at a very essential level. But also, I thought I could see the opportunity to reshape the perspective that we have on Gallipoli. There's a word that we avoid when we discuss the sacrifice of Gallipoli: "invasion." But in reality, this is what we were engaged in.

**My first real exposure to this story was the Pogues' version of *Waltzing Matilda*.**

It's funny because that particular version of the song is such a mishmash. They never

actually sing the full words. But that song will make an adult cry. When you get to that last verse, "I looked at the place where my legs used to be," it's so incredibly powerful. And oddly enough the man who wrote that song was a South African who went to Australia and New Zealand and had all these experiences around the way people recognized Anzac Day.

**It really was the first war that was advertised to people, wasn't it?**

Yeah, it's the beginning of mass communication, right? And that's why the British government was compelled to inter the bodies. People wanted to know what happened to their children. They demanded to know.

**And now that you've directed yourself, as an actor would you say you're easy to work with?**

I gave the director everything he asked for.



**Russell Crowe stars as Joshua Connor in *The Water Diviner*.** CONTRIBUTED

**TELEVISION**

## Lots of crying on final day on set of *Nurse Jackie*, Falco says

In 2007, Edie Falco said goodbye to her series *The Sopranos* in one of the most divisive, talked-about finales on television. As she prepares to bid farewell to her addiction dramedy *Nurse Jackie*, Falco isn't feeling any pressure to deliver another controversial ending.

"This whole thing about finale episodes, I don't know. I tend not to get too caught up in it," Falco said in an interview Tuesday. "In a perfect world it lives up to all that you've come to expect in the show. I feel very much that it does."

"I'm proud of it," she said of the June 28 finale. "It feels honest."

Falco stars as Jackie Peyton, an ER nurse addicted to prescription drugs, on the Showtime series (Sunday, 9 p.m. EDT). The final season finds Jackie attempting to piece her career and family back together after a relapse and DUI arrest.

After seven seasons, Falco, 51, is at peace with the end of *Nurse Jackie*, but saying goodbye was difficult.

"The final day on set was emotional. It was awful, actually," she said. "You try to be good about it, but there was a lot of crying."

However, the Emmy-winning actress is thrilled to have more time with her children, Anderson, 10, and Macy, 7.

"First and foremost, I'm getting to have a home life," she said. "I want to be there for the stuff as they're reading and singing and doing gymnastics and making new friends. It's all important. It's all very important stuff for me."

Falco is sifting through tele-

vision and film scripts and contemplating a return to theatre.

"We're walking into the unknown and all it is is unknown. It doesn't mean it's not going to be great," she said. "Transitions are always rough, but they're also what life is made of. So I've learned to get better at them and I know that something good happens when you get out of the way."

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**Mackenzie Aladjem as Fiona Peyton and Edie Falco as Jackie Peyton in *Nurse Jackie*.** CONTRIBUTED



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# Booting up the reboot machine

## SUMMER OF THE SEQUEL

### Nostalgia meets new faces in upcoming blockbusters

"I'll be back," the line Arnold Schwarzenegger first uttered more than 30 years ago in that indelible manly monotone, belongs to the Terminator, of course. But it also might as well be the official slogan of the summer movie season.

It's the time of year when Hollywood's older, reliable brands, with the tenacity of Schwarzenegger's lethal cyborg, claw their way back onto the big screen in a popcorn parade of big-budget sequels, reboots and redos. That's nothing new, but the extent of the sequel spinning is.

The sequel expansion — as headlong as Tom Cruise in the Mission: Impossible movies — runs in all directions. It stretches into prequels, second-try reboots, spinoffs and franchises that are less linear, Roman-numeral progressions than — as in the brimming Marvel world — whole universes of overlapping characters, with fantasy realms to visit, and not just stories to follow.

To fuel the proliferation, Hollywood is dipping ever deeper into its vaults: 10 of this summer's most anticipated blockbusters have origins dating back more than three decades, including Fantastic Four, The Man From U.N.C.L.E., Mad Max: Fury Road and Terminator: Genisys, the fifth film in the series created by James Cameron in 1984. Schwarzenegger is back to say that he's back.

Nostalgia and familiarity mingle with updated special effects and new cast members in these films to render something that hopefully feels fresh to moviegoers. As the Fast and Furious series (more profitable in its seventh installment than ever before) has proven this spring, the lifespan of the sequels no longer adheres to the old rules of inevitable decay — at least for now.

The ever-lengthening life of franchises can make for some



**We all loved this idea of a road trip with these guys; we just couldn't fit it into the first movie.**

Gregory Jacobs, director of Magic Mike XXL, out July 1



Nicholas Hoult as Nux in *Mad Max: Fury Road*. COURTESY WARNER BROS.

strange off-screen realities, and not just for 67-year-old Terminators. *Mad Max: Fury Road* (May 15) is returning decades later with its original creator, the Australian director George Miller.

"One of the most jolting experiences of my life was to go to SXSW and watch *Road Warrior: Mad Max 2* in a newly minted print for the first time in 32 years and then showing scenes from

*Fury Road* all these years later," says Miller. "It was a kind of a time travel. It was a strange but powerful experience."

There is blunt mathematics behind the proliferating franchises. The top six summer films at the box office in 2013 were sequels. Last summer, all of the top 10 movies were sequels, reboots or hailed from well-known properties. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



## SEEKING A BOX-OFFICE REBOUND

### Inside Out, Spy among big-name original fare

With so many name-brand films clustered together in the summer, box-office analysts like Paul Dergarabedian, senior media analyst for Rentrak, predicts this season will lead Hollywood to a record year. That would be welcome news for the industry, following a limp 2014 summer.

If summer 2015 is to reverse last summer's downturn, it will need a few of the

original films to pop, too. One thing 2015 has over 2014 is a Pixar movie. After a year off, Pixar will release *Inside Out*, about the voices inside the mind of a young girl, on June 19. The comedy options, too, may be better. *Spy* (June 5) stars Melissa McCarthy in a spoof thriller, and *Trainwreck* (July 17), from director Judd Apatow, stars Amy Schumer as a monogamy-averse career woman.

## MARVEL UNIVERSE

### Setting the stage for a Civil War

There's a conflict brewing in *Avengers: Age of Ultron*, and it doesn't involve megalomaniac robots. After reaching a peace with their structure and roles on the superhero fighting team, Tony Stark/Iron Man and Steve Rogers/Captain America have begun to clash ideologically.

The stoic Steve, still reeling from revelations of widespread corruption in *The Winter Soldier*, is starting to question the precepts he's followed blindly for so long. Tony, meanwhile, is drifting toward the desire for order and control.

"Morality hits Tony, humanity hits Tony. All of a sudden he feels responsible," said Chris Evans, who plays Rogers for the fourth time in the billion dollar Marvel franchise.

"Neither one of them is blindly convicted. It's blurry and that's what makes it great. No one's right, no one's wrong," said Evans in a recent joint interview with Robert Downey Jr.,



Captain America (Chris Evans) and Thor (Chris Hemsworth) in *Marvel's Avengers: Age of Ultron*. HANDOUT

back for a fifth turn as Stark.

"It's going to make it even harder for them to come to an agreement, which I'm really excited about," said Downey.

While the seeds of a fight are scattered throughout *Ultron*, the second gathering of the Avengers on the big screen out

May 1, it's also setting the stage for next year's *Captain America: Civil War*. Plot details are sparse, but any casual comics fan knows that *Civil War* is where the Avengers fracture, divided down lines set by Tony and Steve.

It's also the only upcoming Marvel film for which Downey and Evans have been confirmed.

"It's like a marriage," said Evans. "We love each other but it's explosive. You're working toward the same goal, but you have very different approaches to it." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



**I'm really stoked to see when we have more stuff to actually do together besides like act like we're about to have a fight one day.**

Robert Downey Jr.

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## COOKBOOK

## Milk Bar Life is for the busy and brave

Christina Tosi is just trying to show how mundane her day-to-day pantry staples really are. Thing is, she can work a sort of magic with mundane that most of us can't even dream of.

Tosi — who came to fame for her exotic sweets like crack pie and compost cookies at New York's Momofuku Milk Bar — tends to live the way she cooks and eats. Life and food are fun, and there is inspiration lurking everywhere, even in the half mouldy cheese in your refrigerators or the Ritz Crackers in the cupboard.

Which is why her new cookbook, *Milk Bar Life*, is aimed at helping people make an adventure of weeknight dinner, even after a long day of work. Think recipes for "desperation nachos"

and "pickle juice-poached fish."

And *Milk Bar Life* is as much a cookbook as it is Tosi's coming out about her savoury side. The dessert chef whose cereal milk ice cream and cornflake marshmallow cookies have earned her a cult following wants people to know she's more than "just a chick that bakes." And so the book is jammed with the potluck-style, homey recipes she grew up eating. Plus, she's going to teach you something about savouring the little moments along the way.

This isn't a cookbook that requires trips to three different specialty markets to complete your shopping list. This Midwestern gal, who was the James Beard rising star chef of the year in 2012, loves big box supermarkets and includes recipes that call for SpaghettiOs, boxed cake mix and Velveeta. Did you know you can make a cake with grape jelly, defrosted whipped topping and Ritz Crackers?

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**Momofuku Milk Bar's Christina Tosi has a new cookbook out, *Milk Bar Life*, aimed at helping people make an adventure of weeknight dinner, even after a long day of work.**

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## CABLE

## Mad Men's French connection speaks

*Mad Men* is famously fastidious in its attention to detail, but for some Canadians there's been one glaring misstep over the years — the way it portrays Quebec character Megan Calvet Draper.

As the series comes to a close, Montreal actress Jessica Paré says she's been vaguely aware of complaints that the Calvets don't seem typically Québécois.

Online nitpickers have suggested Megan's first and last name aren't very French-Canadian, and took issue with the French spoken by Brit actress Julia Ormond, who plays Megan's mother Marie, and Belgian-born actor Ronald Guttman, as Megan's father Emile.

"(Creator) Matt (Weiner) is making an American TV show and it goes really fast and we all

do the best we can," Paré says in a recent phone interview from Palm Springs, Calif.

"I mean, as for my accent, I grew up there and I spoke both French and English."

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**Jessica Paré in *Mad Men*.**

# Blogger's mistakes feed controversy

## FOOD BABE

## Critics cite early factual errors, lack of credentials

As truth wars go, Vani Hari of the Food Babe blog has produced a doozy.

The former management consultant turned healthy-living activist has a bestselling book and an army of supporters. And with the help of her fans, she's led numerous successful online petitions to persuade food industry giants to rid their products of ingredients she deems unacceptable.

What Hari doesn't have, critics argue, is a background in related sciences or nutrition. And since starting her Food Babe blog in 2011, she's made mistakes that have landed her in a feeding frenzy.

"I think she means well, but I wish she would pick more important issues and pay closer attention to the science," said Marion Nestle, a nutrition, food studies and public health professor at New York University.

Hari certainly isn't the first food activist without a science background. So why has she become the food revolution figure that so many love to hate?

"Because we're winning," Hari said in a recent interview, citing numerous commitments by companies to provide more "clean" and "simple" ingredients, often in response to her campaigns.

The answer from Dr. Steven Novella, a clinical neurologist and assistant professor at Yale University's school of medicine, is more complicated. The working skeptic — he has a podcast and blogs — is one of Hari's most vocal foes. "It's almost like she's a food terrorist," he said. "She will target some benign ingredient that has a scary sounding name. Her criteria is if she can't pronounce it, then it's scary."

You bet, said Hari, who thinks a host of chemicals and additives used in the U.S. have no business being consumed, and notes that many are not allowed or are strictly limited in Europe and elsewhere.

The heat for Hari, who grew up on processed food, is fairly recent as her presence has grown. She gets nearly 5 million blog readers a month. She also gets death threats. And she's banned so many people from her streams that they now have their own page on Facebook.

"I really do believe the attacks



**The former management consultant turned healthy-living activist has a best-selling book and an army of supporters. She deploys them regularly to move giants in the food industry via online petitions.** COURTESY VANI HARI VIA THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



**Her criteria is if she can't pronounce it, then it's scary.**

Clinical neurologist  
Dr. Steven Novella

on me and this movement is a distraction from the need to reform the food system," Hari said by phone from Charlotte, N.C., where she lives. "My sole purpose is to get people healthier. Unfortunately, many of the critics out there, their sole purpose is only to criticize."

Hari's mainstay tactics include overstating health risks and linking artificial ingredients with their non-edible uses, the latter a particularly effective way of rallying support. Last summer, for example, she took issue with Anheuser-Busch and MillerCoors over a foam stabilizer and several other ingredients.

In that post, she referred to propylene glycol, also found in airplane deicing liquid. Other bloggers claimed she meant propylene glycol alginate, an

unrelated substance that comes from kelp. Neither were among ingredients in Budweiser and Miller Lite (which the companies posted in response to Hari), though both are allowed by U.S. regulators.

"What she does over and over again is target a chemical and try to provoke a disgust reflex by talking about what other purposes a chemical is used for or where

it's derived from," Novella said.

Why do companies cave? Sub- way, for instance, removed azodicarbonamide, a chemical in its bread also found in yoga mats. But it's also found in plenty of other bread products, and is well-studied and safe, says Novella. He theorizes it's just easier, to some companies, to make questioned ingredients disappear.

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## + BIZARRE CLAIMS

**Among errors often cited by detractors are a couple that occurred in Hari's early days.** She deleted the posts and later acknowledged the mistakes.

One, from August 2011, had her taking issue with the air on planes being mixed with up to 50 per cent nitrogen. She failed to consider that the atmosphere itself is 78 per cent nitrogen.

Another, from July 2012, trashed microwaves as de-

stroying nutrients in food and producing malformed water crystals. The second notion is based on a bizarre theory by a controversial Japanese researcher who maintains that water crystals turn ugly when exposed to foul language.

"These were before I decided to make this my career. It's like saying that the New York Times or whoever aren't allowed to make mistakes. Back then I was blogging as a hobby," said Hari.





# Pop goes the presidency

**PRAS MICHEL**

**Fugees rapper is filmmaker and kingmaker in Haitian doc**

**Steve Gow**  
Metro | Life

In the wake of Haiti's devastating earthquake, former Fugees rapper Pras Michel witnessed his homeland embroiled in unrest from lack of leadership. With a looming election, the hip-hop star virtually decided who would rescue the country from chaos — an outrageous pop-star named Sweet Micky.

"Literally, it just came to me," said Michel of his epiphany to turn a shocking singer (better known for such burlesque antics as dropping his pants onstage) into Haiti's next president.

"What the country needed

at that particular point was something that was unorthodox to get the mood (and) energy back and distract from the pain and he just happened to be thrown to me in my universe."

Chronicled in the spirited documentary Sweet Micky for President, Michel became Micky's (his real name is Michel Martelly) right-hand man during an incredible political campaign challenged by corruption, inexperience and even Michel's own Fugees collaborator Wyclef Jean — who also briefly ran for the commander-in-chief position — essentially making a simple story stranger than fiction.

"That's how things were happening to us — to the point where if you really look at the movie, it feels like a narrative," admitted Michel, who never expected the experience to become a film. "How it was going down was how it was captured and then we went back and went 'Wow, this really feels like a movie.'"

Since his days as one-third of Grammy-winning group The Fugees, Michel has been



**Michel Martelly, a.k.a. pop star Sweet Micky, has been president of Haiti since his election in 2011.** CONTRIBUTED

"loving the film aspect" of his career as much as making music. Having produced documentaries like 2007's Skid Row (where he masqueraded as a homeless person) and a long-awaited project about Somali pirates, these days he's certainly more filmmaker than Fugee.

"I'm catching the buzz and I've got a couple more nar-

rative projects that I'm developing," said Michel. "We want to make things that are avant garde (and) interesting but at the same time, get to the core of the issue."

Sweet Micky for President will have its Canadian debut next Wednesday at the Hot Docs Canadian International Documentary Festival in Toronto.

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# What brought Blake Lively back to acting

## HOLLYWOOD

### Script ended former Gossip Girl's acting hiatus



**Ned Ehrbar**  
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Age of Adaline director Lee Toland Krieger claims that Blake Lively came in insisting she was the best person for the title role, but Lively herself begs to differ.

"I didn't say I'm the best person for it, I just said that I really wanted it," she explains. "I could give you a whole list of people that would've been better for it. But I was the most aggressive, I'll tell you that much."

It makes sense that Lively would approach the role with such vigour, considering she had to be passionate enough about it to cancel her self-im-

posed hiatus from acting following the end of Gossip Girl in 2012.

"I was on a TV show for six years. We shot 10 months a year," Lively explains. "I was just exhausted, and I didn't feel good at it anymore. When you have to do something so much, it's just muscle memory, and I wanted to take a break. I started my company, Preserve, because I thought, what else do I love? What else do I feel good at? What else can I be creative at while taking a break from acting?"

But she didn't block out Hollywood completely, with scripts still coming in.

"I read Adaline and thought, I can't not do this movie. I still wanted to be on a break, but I just thought I have to, have to be in this film," Lively remembers.

"And then because it was such a special movie and such a special experience, I was reading other scripts and thought, how do I live up to that? And then I got pregnant, so I didn't have to."

**It's very hard to meet someone who's been alive for 100 years, and it's even harder to meet someone who's immortal.**

Blake Lively, on researching the role of unaging Adaline

It's good she got over those feelings of inadequacy, too, because the role of Adaline — a woman born in 1906 who stops aging at age 29 due to a freak accident and tries to go unnoticed for the next 80 years — proved to be full of very unique challenges for Lively as an actress.

"I always look for the closest thing to a character that I'm playing, and I try to meet that person and talk to that person. It's very hard to meet

someone who's been alive for 100 years, and it's even harder to meet someone who's immortal," Lively admits.

"So I thought, OK, (at what age) is a woman most defined? When does she really blossom into who she is? And it's when they come of age. So if she came of age in the 1920s, I need to capture a woman from

the 1920s who has that formality and who is stoic and very proper and very reserved and conservative, and then try to weave in some influence from the '60s. That's very, very different from where women came in the Edwardian era. She can't be alien, so she has to have this timelessness to her and she has to look like a mixture of all these decades, because she wouldn't just go shopping at Zara and speak like I speak."



As soon as she saw the script for *The Age of Adaline*, Blake Lively felt she had to be in it. JAMIE MCCARTHY/GETTY IMAGES

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# Not all poutine and maple syrup

DOCUMENTARY

## Film offers no easy answers on Canadian identity

Steve Gow  
Metro | Life

Calgary-raised TV writer Robert Cohen may have moved to Hollywood 27 years ago but he still gets asked about his homeland all the time. In fact, the insistent ignorance has inspired him to travel across the Great White North to define what makes a Canadian.

"People may agree or disagree with it," said Cohen of his new documentary, *Being Canadian*.

"But it was born out of my genuine frustrations with people outside of Canada not knowing or caring about us, so (my journey) was really the only logical way in and I would get other people's opinions."

Along the way, Cohen corners both celebrities and average Canucks to classify the Canadiana that sets us apart.

What he finds is that even as drunk tourists in Vegas are unable to name our nation's



**I don't think there's any Americans feeling there's a lack of national identity around the world as to what America is.**

Director and TV writer Robert Cohen



Director Rob Cohen, left, and Will Arnett in *Being Canadian*. CONTRIBUTED

capital, it's our own inability to define ourselves that makes us unique.

"I don't think there's any Americans feeling there's a lack of national identity around the world as to what America is," notes Cohen.

Available on-demand April 26, *Being Canadian* divides the film into sub-categories light on history but heavy

on idiosyncrasy and perhaps most notably, our unique cuisine — or lack thereof.

"Most people think poutine and maple syrup (and) I grew up thinking it was Alberta beef," explained Cohen of Canada's recognized dishes — adding an assembly of noted chefs recently "all agreed there was no Canadian food — which is so perfect

because it's the answer that's a non-answer but it's the perfect answer."

Indeed, what makes Canucks distinctly Canadian is our ambiguity about our identity. However Cohen remained pretty decisive about at least filling the film with Canada's most famous folks — William Shatner, Rush, Dan Aykroyd and one funnyman in particu-

lar — Mike Myers.

"We've been friends for a long time," said Cohen.

"He's so hyper-Canadian and so well-spoken in great bits that he was very important."

CANADA COOL

**On sneaking Canadian iconography into sitcoms**

"I sneak it in as much as I can," said Cohen, who's written for shows like *The Simpsons* and *Big Bang Theory*. "It's just that a lot of the times people go 'nobody will believe that' so you end up having to cut it out."

**On the consensus on Canada around the globe**

"Everybody loves Canada. Nobody had anything negative to say about Canada," said Cohen. "It is not a perfect place by any means but (with people's) limited knowledge, they are delighted and charmed by it."

**On having an epiphany at a parade**

"The outward enthusiasm was so great that that was the part that blew my mind the most," said Cohen of attending a Canada

Day parade. "I realized I didn't need to be out there as sort of Canada's schoolyard bully and that, like I say in the movie, we're so cool, we don't need to worry about it."



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## From Dildo to Blow Me Down

Newfoundland draws tourists from all over, not just for spectacular seaside vistas and colourful outports, but with place names that jump off the map.

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### 1 Dildo

The name may originate with the earliest European explorers and mappers who used it for nearby Dildo Island at least as early as 1711. Perhaps they thought it resembled the shape of a less X-rated dildo, the name used for round pegs that lock oars in place on a dory. Other theories include the name comes from the Italian word "diletto," meaning delight, or from the name of a Spanish sailor who travelled the area.



FLICKR: ADAM

### 2 Heart's Content

Heart's Content on the east coast of Trinity Bay is famous as the landing site in 1866 of the first telegraph cable linking North America and Europe. Its name can be traced to the writings of the earliest settlers, including English merchant John Guy, who led efforts to colonize Newfoundland and sailed into Trinity Bay in 1612. Guy had in 1610 helped found the first English community in present-day Canada at Cuper's Cove, now affectionately known as Cupids.



FLICKR: DOUGLAS SPROTT

### 3 Happy Adventure

Founded in 1710, it bills itself as "Newfoundland's most peaceful community." Local folklore, however, suggests its pleasing name may have come from the vessel, The Happy Adventure, of pirate Peter Easton who plied the waters off Newfoundland in the 1600s. Another theory, according to the Newfoundland and Labrador Heritage website, is it derives from George Holbrook, a British surveyor and mapper who sought shelter from a storm in a nearby cove in 1817. Various sources say he called it a "Happy Adventure."



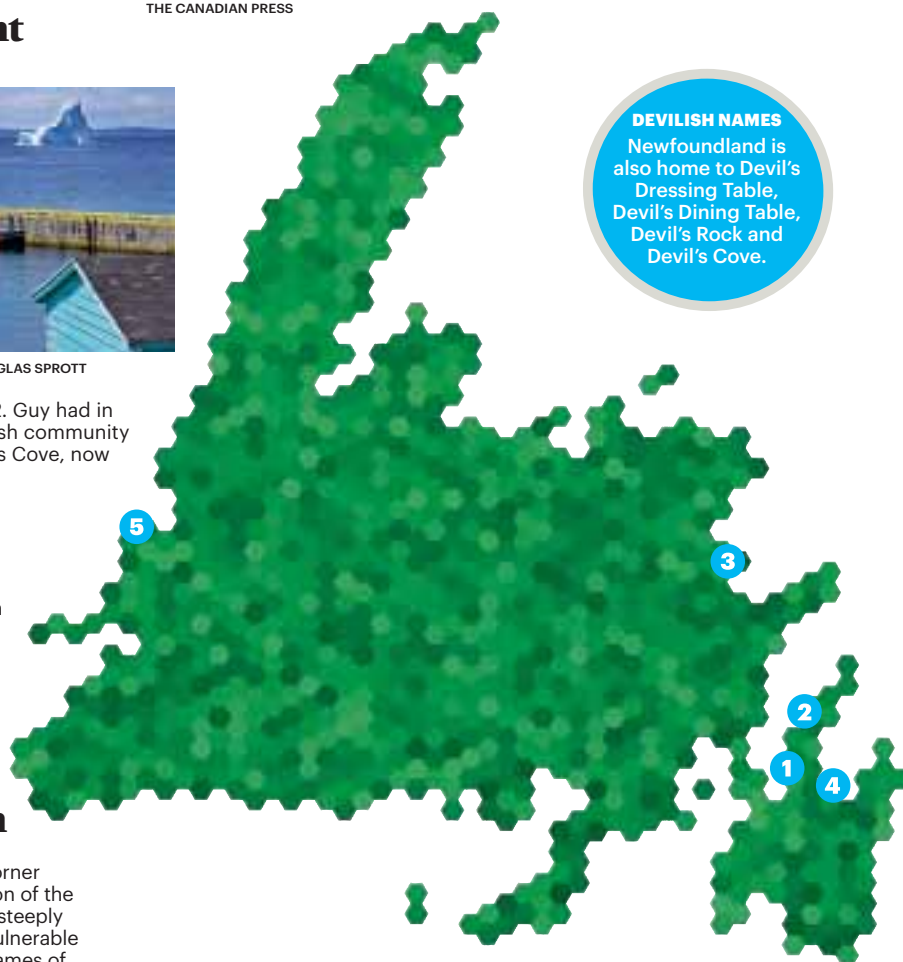
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### 4 Cupids

Cupids is located on Conception Bay, itself recorded by European explorers as early as 1527. According to the Canadian Encyclopedia online, its name honours the Feast of the Immaculate Conception.

### 5 Blow Me Down

A provincial park northwest of Corner Brook, Blow Me Down is a variation of the term Blomidon, where land rises steeply from the water, leaving vessels vulnerable to squalls, says the book Place Names of Atlantic Canada.



#### DEVILISH NAMES

Newfoundland is also home to Devil's Dressing Table, Devil's Dining Table, Devil's Rock and Devil's Cove.

#### ECO-FRIENDLY

## Canadian organizations keep tourism and hospitality green



**ON THE MOVE**  
**Loren Christie**

In honour of the 45th anniversary of Earth Day, celebrated around the planet this past Wednesday, I salute some standouts in Canada's tourism and hospitality industry that are doing their best to keep our planet green.

As one of Parks Canada's national historic sites, it may seem obvious the Forks in Winnipeg should be dedicated

to preserving the planet. However, this collection of interpretive exhibits, walking trails and attractions at the junction of the Red and Assiniboine Rivers has taken its commitment to zero emissions, zero garbage and zero waste to a new level. Efforts include a geothermal heat pump system, composting, recycling and a target zero eco-kids tour.

Wasted vegetable oil is collected from deep fryers in the local restaurants and used to power the site truck, three Gator utility vehicles, a refriger-

ated container and a Zamboni used to create the world's longest naturally frozen skating trail on the Red River.

In Montreal, as part of Cirque du Soleil's world headquarters complex, La TOHU hosts cirque shows throughout the year, including the annual National Circus School show and the Montreal Cirque Fest in July. The complex was built on the site of North America's second largest waste dump and the venue is a stunning example of how to revitalize an area with eco-

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**Efforts include a geothermal heat pump system ... and a target zero eco-kids tour**

friendly architecture, activities and initiatives. Enjoy a meal made with fresh vegetables from its garden at its on-site bistro.

British Columbia is well known for its standout col-

lection of eco-friendly lodges. The Purcell Mountain Lodge has led the way in a number of back-country innovations, generating electricity from a nearby mountain stream, custom designing a waste-water treatment plant, which produces water as its end product, and being fully committed to recycling and composting.

Other standouts in the province include the Clayoquot Wilderness Resort, the Nipika Mountain Resort and the Siwash Lake Ranch.

If you are looking to travel

outside of Canada, book a trip through Gadventures, a homegrown company that takes maintenance of our planet seriously. For example, on its Peruvian excursions, it uses biodegradable soap on the Inca Trail to Machu Picchu, supports an eco-friendly campsite on the Lares Trek, and houses its guests at the G Lodge in the Peruvian Amazon, which features solar heat, including hot water, rechargeable flashlights, and meals made with fresh local ingredients.



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# Where selfie sticks are welcome

**FLORIDA**
**Wynwood in Miami buzzes with street art, local shopping**

There are two must-have selfies for any visitor to show off from Miami: one on the sands of South Beach, and one against the bold murals of Wynwood.

The riot of colour sprayed across several blocks of warehouses and art galleries has become as synonymous with Miami as humidity and sunshine.

Walking through the neighbourhood is like walking through an open-air contemporary art museum, only one where artists are routinely found painting something fresh.



The Ms. Cheezious Food truck is well known in Wynwood, Miami, for its cheese sandwich. ISTOCK

**Graffiti murals**

Here graffiti has evolved from unwelcome scribbles to large-scale murals that reference both classical art themes and pop culture.

Many of the artists are commissioned to produce the abstract patterns and whimsical figures that cover the concrete walls of bars, galleries, boutiques and even a neighbour-

hood school.

A good place to start exploring is Wynwood Walls, where two restaurants anchor a cluster of buildings that feature a rotating roster of prominent street artists.

Wynwood Mural Tours has produced a curated guide to the neighbourhood's art, a project produced with the local

street artist Atomik, known for his ubiquitous large, grinning oranges.

The painting isn't limited to the walls. Some crosswalks have been painted with bright designs, and sidewalks frequently are sprayed with the stencilled poetry of Instagram star R. M. Drake (also known as Miami-based writer Robert

Macias).

As Wynwood has grown into a premier arts district, it's also developed as a local hub where residents stop for artisanal breads and coffee, hold a book club in a flower shop and host pop-up shops during the city's many arts and literary festivals.

Galleries stay open late and

food trucks cluster in an empty lot every second Saturday for a monthly art walk.

**Cafés and boutiques**

The new Wynwood Block collection of cafés and boutiques highlight work by some of Miami's independent artisans, including letterpress stationery and fashion accessories.

The neighbourhood also is a centre for experiencing Miami's craft beer and distilling movement.

Wynwood Brewing Company and Miami Club Rum make their homes here, and nearby bars and restaurants regularly feature a variety of South Florida-brewed beers on tap.

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It's the inspiration behind the inaugural Home Repair & Reno Show, being held at Red River Exhibition Park Friday through to Sunday, says show organizer Dave Amey. The show is about getting started on the right foot when searching for a contractor.

"The goal with this event is to create a practical show where folks looking for a contractor can meet one in a set environment where they can get a vibe for the person they're talking to," he says. "All the exhibitors are accredited members of the Better Business Bureau of Manitoba and northwest Ontario. That will help people start the process of finding a contractor with a certain amount of trust. Consumers will be able to actually do a search on them, and see what their reputation is, in addition to talking to them at the show."

Amey says he started the show for two reasons: First, to build awareness of the Better Business Bureau and the credibility it brings.

"The new generation of younger folks isn't as aware of the Better Business Bureau as the older generation," Amey says.

Second, the show was conceived to help link consumers with contractors.

"Most people are looking for someone to fix something around their home, usually a relatively simple issue," he says. "They're not looking for someone to do a \$100,000 renovation project; they're looking for someone who has the answers and the ability to solve the problem so they can get on with their daily lives."

Not only will reputable contractors be at booths throughout the show, they will also be demonstrating their expertise on the show's main stage.

"We'll be running how-to seminars by actual show exhibitors. Contractors will be there to dispense practical knowledge and to show just how good they are at what they do."

The seminars will offer simple solutions to common, everyday problems.

"One of our exhibitors, Mr. Electric, will be on stage to show how to fix a light switch, while we might have another show how to change a toilet or faucet," Amey says. "Contractors will be available to give folks advice, or to arrange an appointment to come to their home."

The City of Winnipeg planning and permit department will be at the show as well.

"Their experts will be on hand to show people why it's so important to take out a building permit — to protect your home, make sure the job is done right, and to ensure the contractor has compensation insurance in case something goes wrong."

The show will highlight one sponsor in particular: Habitat for Humanity, specifically, the Habitat for Humanity ReStore.



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"They're a great cause and will be there to provide show-goers with information about what they do with the used household items they receive. They'll really appreciate all the support show patrons can send their way."

The Home Repair & Reno Show runs Friday

(3-9 p.m.), Saturday (10 a.m. to 7 p.m.), and Sunday (11 a.m. to 5 p.m.). Parking is free, admission is \$10, children younger than 13 get in free, and there will be daily prize draws.

For more information, please visit [homerepairandrenoshow.com](http://homerepairandrenoshow.com).

## PROMOTING TRUST IN MARKETPLACE

Contrary to popular belief, the Better Business Bureau isn't a consumer advocacy group.

"Our mission is to promote marketplace trust, but we're about much more than that," says Len Andrusiak, president and CEO for the BBB's Manitoba and northwest Ontario arms. "We're using the Home Repair & Reno Show to reinforce that and to introduce consumers to a network of accredited contractors who they can rely upon and trust."

The show will also serve as a vehicle to connect consumers to accredited contractors through social media.

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# GOLF GUIDE

## Program gives kids a chance to play golf

"All kids deserve a chance to golf," says Larry Robinson, the director of golf for the Bridges Golf Course.

The reality is that not every child has the opportunity. But Robinson, through the support of two prominent community groups and a network of sponsors, has established two programs that, last season, allowed some 150 kids access to his club's facilities.

"We want to help every kid come out here," Robinson says, "but we especially want to give kids who don't have that opportunity the chance to participate."

Established through a partnership with retailer Rona and its Rona's Rascals Junior Golf Academy, the Bridges Golf Course and its many sponsors now host the Boys and Girls Club — Big Brothers Big Sisters Golf Program, teaching kids the finer points of the game.

Last season, the program gave 120 kids golf clinics for the first three Saturdays in June and continued running kids clinics throughout the summer. "Each week, we had swing clinics, played a few holes and had lunch with as many as eight children from the two worthwhile organizations," says Robinson. He hopes the numbers can increase this season, with 20 days scheduled for tutelage. The program has been such a success, it earned Robinson and Bridges Golf Course the Manitoba PGA's 2014 Junior Leadership award, which he accepted on behalf of the wide network of sponsors that make the program possible.

"Most of all," he says, "it's about the kids and the two-way effect that those young people had on all of us here at the club. If you're standing with someone who doesn't have anyone to stand with, you're standing pretty tall."



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### JUST A SHORT DRIVE FROM WINNIPEG

Bridges Golf Course is just over half an hour from downtown Winnipeg and about 15 minutes from the perimeter of the city. The 15-year-old track is famous for its towering 200-year-old oak trees and the La Salle River that runs through it.

"Manitoba is so flat, it's hard to imagine the type of terrain we have here," he says.

Playing from 5,358 yards from the front tee blocks to 7,020 at the back, the course is not easy, says Robinson, but the gentle landscape assuages any on-course difficulty.

"We always say that we are the best public golf experience in Manitoba," says Robinson.



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# Old tradition meets modern style

There may be no better example in golf of old meeting new than at Southwood Golf and Country Club in St. Norbert.

Manitoba's oldest golf club is now in its fourth full season at its new location, 10 minutes south of its previous site near the University of Manitoba.

"We have the tradition, but also modern-day relevance," says Jeff Scott, Southwood's GM and chief operating officer.

Southwood's presence on the local golf scene dates back more than a century: the club traces its roots to 1894 and the old Winnipeg Golf Club; the U of M site opened in 1923.

The new location, a Tom McBroom-designed masterpiece spread along 300 acres, opened in 2011 and includes a world-class practices facility and double-ended range.

The course was previously home to St. Norbert Trappist Monastery, and bits of the property's former existence are incorporated into McBroom's design.

The clubhouse and surrounding amenities were designed and built from scratch, making it a preeminent facility for weddings, business meetings and informal get-togethers for members and guests.

"We knew that it had to be built right," says Scott. "It's always easier to build than to add on."



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Southwood's four-year-old course has earned rave reviews. Five tee decks spread Southwood's length from less than 6,000 yards to 7,311, and make it a brutish test from

the championship tees, or a bashful beauty from the front.

The course is home to a collection of flora and fauna native to southern Manitoba.

## NEW LOCATION, NEW STYLE OF GOLF

With a new location, and vastly increased and younger membership, comes a new style of golf at one of Manitoba's best private golf courses.

"You have to keep the ball in the fairway," says Jeff Scott, Southwood's GM & COO.

The rolling landscape is adorned with day-glo prairie fescue that glistens in the sun. But for all its beauty, fescue can swallow golf balls and ruin scorecards. To keep scores low, players need to keep their wits about them and know when to go for it.

"Risk/reward, for sure," says Scott of the best approach to playing his course. Whatever the approach, the course leaves an impression, with holes like the 11th, a par-3 over water.

"People are surprised when they first come here how much water there is."

Hawks and deer are the two most prominent creatures making occasional appearances, as if to illustrate Southwood's transformation into its more rural setting.



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The Jets look on as the Ducks celebrate their series-clinching win on Wednesday night at the MTS Centre. MARIANNE HELM/GETTY IMAGES

## Jets and whiteout fade to black

NHL

### Despite early playoff exit, team showed progress

Battered and bruised by an 82-game grind and four-game playoff sweep, the Winnipeg Jets are already taking stock and looking ahead to next season.

The Jets withstood a barrage of injuries that at one point knocked out their top four defencemen and later forced general manager Kevin Cheveldayoff to make a series of trades, but

against the playoff-tested Anaheim Ducks, there ultimately wasn't enough left in the tank to muster even one post-season victory.

Following Wednesday's 5-2 home loss in Game 4, coach Paul Maurice said the Jets dealt with eight significant injuries, including four at the start of the playoffs. Mathieu Perreault had a lower-body injury that caused him to miss Game 1 while captain Andrew Ladd's undisclosed injury often kept him from practising over the past two-plus months.

"You need that from your captain, you need that guy in the room doing whatever he can to stay in and he did," Maurice said. "I would never, ever question his willingness, grit,

determination. He could've very easily come out of that lineup 2-1/2 months ago and nobody would've said a word to him. But he wouldn't."

Defenceman Adam Pardy took a big hit from Anaheim's Matt Beleskey in Game 3 and Maurice said he "couldn't in good conscience put him in the lineup" for Game 4.

"We've got guys playing with broken bones," Maurice said. "It's a good learning experience for your room because it sets a level of willingness that you need to carry with you."

No matter how beat up the Jets were, Maurice pointed out that the Ducks were likely dealing with their own injuries.

The bottom line is Anaheim was the better team in the series, even though the first three games were decided by a total

of four goals.

The Jets were making their first playoff appearance since the franchise moved to Winnipeg from Atlanta in 2011.

"We don't have a lot of experience in these types of situations and maybe that was a factor in some of those games that we couldn't close out," winger Blake Wheeler said. "As a group the strides we took this year, in a few weeks I think we're going to look back and be pretty happy with where we sit today compared to where we were."

Cheveldayoff and Maurice are in place for the long-term, and while there are several unrestricted free agents who need contracts, the core group led by Ladd, Bryan Little and Wheeler isn't going anywhere.

"I think we're heading in the right direction," Wheeler said. "We're disappointed, don't get me wrong. There are no feelings of being gratified right now. But I think the way this organization looks today compared to where it looked in September and October, we're going in the right direction." THE CANADIAN PRESS

### + THE PM'S SWEATER SLIP-UP



Amid a sea of fans wearing Jets apparel, Stephen Harper sported a Team Canada jersey. GETTY IMAGES

Prime Minister Stephen Harper has explained his Jets wardrobe malfunction.

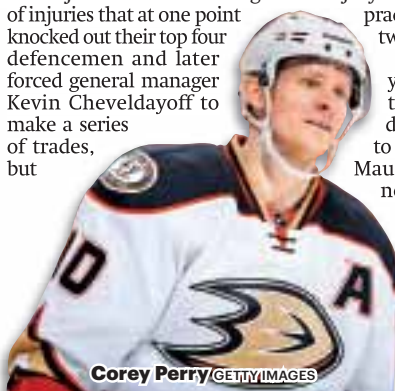
Harper's choice of jersey raised a few eyebrows when he was spotted at the Wednesday night's Jets-Ducks game. Rather than sporting the home team's colours, Harper wore a modern-era white Canada jersey.

Asked about the choice, Harper explained that staff were going through his jerseys and knew he needed a

white one to keep with the tradition of Jets fans wearing white during the playoffs.

They grabbed the two white jerseys he had and, when he opened his suitcase, he had to decide between the shirt he ended up wearing and a 1972 Canada jersey signed by Paul Henderson.

Harper said there was no way he was wearing the signed jersey to the game. THE CANADIAN PRESS



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**They're going to have a lot of success coming forward. They get behind this crowd, they push and away they go.**

Corey Perry of the Ducks



# Mets on a roll after 11th straight win

MLB

## N.Y. carries league's best record at 13-3

With a perfect ride through their first homestand, the surprising New York Mets matched the best start in team history.

Next stop, the Subway Series at Yankee Stadium — and a shot at their longest winning streak ever. Daniel Murphy drove in four runs and New York equaled a franchise record with its 11th straight victory Thursday, walking its way to a 6-3 win over the Atlanta Braves behind Bartolo Colon.

"I think it's so rewarding here in this clubhouse to kind of see the fruits of the labour over the last couple years, to see guys grow," Murphy said. "And it's such a reward for the fans who have been coming out."

The streaking Mets, with the



Mets pitcher Bartolo Colon tags the Braves' A.J. Pierzynski on Thursday in New York. FRANK FRANKLIN II/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

top record in the majors despite injuries to captain David Wright and several other important players, are 10-0 at Citi Field after sweeping all their NL East rivals besides heavily favoured Washington.

It is the fifth time the Mets have won 11 games in a row, and the first since 1990.

"It's a huge accomplishment," manager Terry Collins said. Murphy hit an early three-run double, and the 41-year-old Colon outpitched All-Star Julio Teheran in a matchup of unbeaten starters. New York took advantage of eight walks and tied the 1986 World Series champions with a 13-3 start.

### TRIVIA

Prior to Bartolo Colon, the last starting pitcher 40 or older to begin a season 4-0 was Roger Clemens in 2004 with Houston.

That club also opened 2-3 before winning its next 11 games — and 18 of 19.

After beginning this streak April 12 in Atlanta, Colon (4-0) overcame a blister on his middle finger Thursday by throwing virtually all fastballs while pitching in short sleeves on a chilly, 49-degree afternoon. He allowed three runs over six innings to win his first four starts for the first time in his career.

Colon has struck out 23 and walked one this season, becoming the first four-game winner in the big leagues. "Everybody's chipping in. Everybody's doing their part," Colon said through a translator. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MLB

## Yankees' unlikely hero could be A-Rod

The New York Yankees missed the playoffs the last two years while saying goodbye to a pair of greats. Mediocrity — or, worse yet, irrelevance — was a very real possibility heading into 2015.

Of all people, it's Alex Rodriguez who might keep this team from becoming an afterthought.

Rodriguez is back from a season-long drug suspension, and it's certainly fair to wonder how much the Yankees even wanted him around. But in one of the more intriguing developments of the past few weeks, A-Rod is producing.

Now a 39-year-old designated hitter, Rodriguez already has four home runs, and he's given New York fans something to cheer about after the team's underwhelming start.

"The one thing about Alex, since he's been back, he's having fun," manager Joe Girardi said. "Hopefully that just continues for him." The stage is now set for a fascinating scene Friday night, when the crosstown Mets bring the majors' best record and a team record-tying 11-game winning streak to Yankee Stadium.

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### IN BRIEF

#### Late NFLer's family to appeal concussion award

The family of the late NFL safety Dave Duerson plans to appeal terms of this week's class-action concussion settlement. Family lawyer Thomas Demetrio objects to the exclusion of future awards for CTE, the brain trauma that some call "the signature disease of football." Lawyers involved in

the settlement say an appeal could hold up payments to thousands of players. Some are suffering from Alzheimer's or Parkinson's disease and stand to get \$1 million or more. The average award would be about \$190,000 for late-in-life dementia. A Philadelphia judge approved the settlement Wednesday.

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## + OMG: SWITZERLAND TOPS GLOBAL HAPPINESS INDEX

Switzerland is the happiest country in the world, closely followed by Iceland, Denmark, Norway and Canada, according to a global ranking of happiness unveiled in New York yesterday.

The 2015 World Happiness Report is the third annual report seeking to quantify happiness as a means of influencing government policy. The United Nations published the first study in 2012.

Finland, the Netherlands, Sweden, New Zealand and

Australia round out the top 10, making small or medium-sized countries in Western Europe seven of the top 10 happiest countries.

Academics identified the variables as real GDP per capita, healthy life expectancy, having someone to count on, perceived freedom to make life choices, freedom from corruption and generosity.

Jeffrey Sachs, director of the Earth Institute at Columbia University and one of the editors, said the

top 13 countries were the same a second year running although their order had shifted. They combined affluence with strong social support, and relatively honest and accountable governments, he said.

The United States trails in 15th place, behind Israel and Mexico, with Britain at 21, pipped by Belgium and the United Arab Emirates. France ranks in 29th place, behind Germany in 26th position.

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## ★ IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

**Aries** March 21 - April 20  
No, you are not the most subtle member of the zodiac, but why should you be? Your in-your-face attitude will work in your favor today, especially in your career where you need to be more assertive – yes, even more so than usual!

**Taurus** April 21 - May 21  
If you are happy with your life as it is then don't change a thing, no matter how hard others try to persuade you to set new goals. You are at your best when you know where you stand.

**Gemini** May 22 - June 21  
It might be a smart idea to adopt a low profile today. The planets warn there are some angry people out there in the big, bad world, so keep your head down.

**Cancer** June 22 - July 23  
You will find yourself up against a stubborn opponent today. Fortunately, the world is a big enough place for both of you – so long as you are on different continents!

**Leo** July 24 - Aug. 23  
Something will happen today that catches you off guard and you will wonder how you could have missed signs that, with hindsight, were so glaringly obvious.

**Virgo** Aug. 24 - Sept. 23  
It may be easy to change things but before you start moving this here and that there, ask yourself if it is necessary. Chances are you will be changing not because you want to but because you think it is expected of you. It isn't, so don't.

**Libra** Sept. 24 - Oct. 23  
There are ways to get what you want without turning people against you, so watch what you say and do and, especially, try to avoid treading on the toes of those who can tread back just as hard.

**Scorpio** Oct. 24 - Nov. 22  
You may have failed at something but it's no big deal – at least you made an effort and had a go, which is more than a lot of people manage to do.

**Sagittarius** Nov. 23 - Dec. 21  
Whatever barrier may be in front of you it won't be long before you find a way to break through. Strive to be strong, mentally and emotionally, and before you know it what you thought was an immovable obstacle will begin to shift.

**Capricorn** Dec. 22 - Jan. 20  
Have confidence in yourself by all means but don't think that merely by turning up everyone else will back down and make it easy for you to win. They won't.

**Aquarius** Jan. 21 - Feb. 19  
You won't be content to sit back and watch the world go by today – you will be out there doing things that get you noticed. However, make sure you get noticed for the right reasons.

**Pisces** Feb. 20 - March 20  
You have been far too nice of late, so now you need to even things up and make sure you get what you desire, regardless of whether others think you should have it.

## CONCEPTIS SUDOKU by Dave Green

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#### Ingredients

- 4 oz soba noodles
- 1 cup shelled edamame
- 1 Tbsp sesame seeds
- 8 large scallops
- 2 Tbsp light soy sauce
- 1 Tbsp lemon juice
- 1 Tbsp sweet chili sauce
- 1 Tbsp sesame oil
- ¼ cup chopped cilantro
- Sliced green onions for garnish

#### Directions

1. Cook noodles in boiling water, just until tender, about 3 min-

utes. Add edamame during the last minute of cooking. Drain and place on serving plate.

2. Meanwhile, sprinkle scallops with sesame seeds. In a hot grill pan sear on both sides, until just cooked about 2 minutes per side.

3. Add soy sauce, lemon juice, sweet chili sauce, sesame oil and cilantro to noodles and mix well. Garnish with scallops and green onions.

#### Nutrition per serving

- Calories 368
- Protein 36.7 g
- Carbohydrates 30.1 g
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- Cholesterol 41.7 mg
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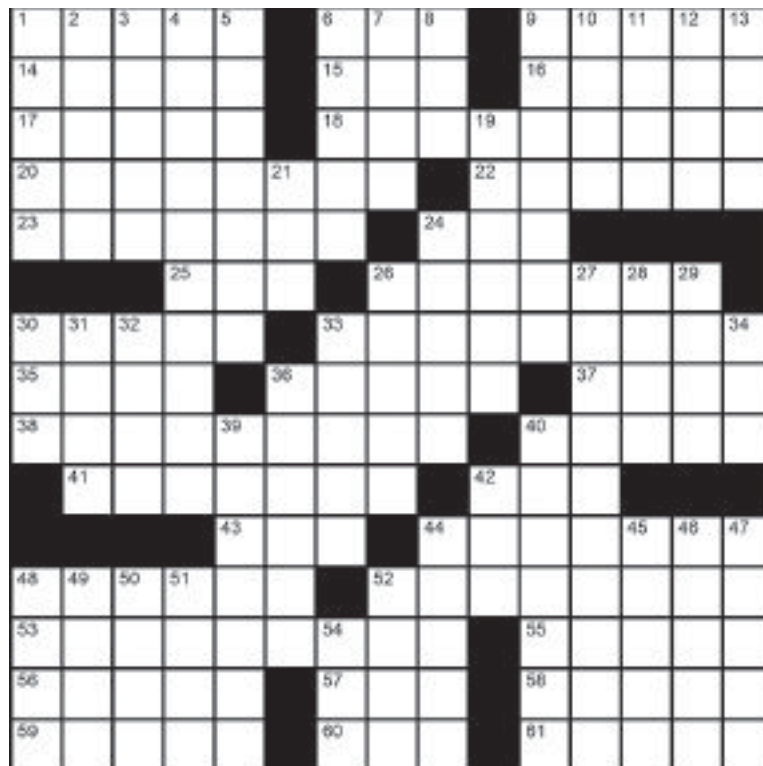
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## CROSSWORD Canada Across and Down

BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN

### ACROSS

1. Corey Hart's singer wife Julie
6. Skull part
9. Wall's time-teller, Kardashians spelling-style
14. Port city of Japan
15. Past
16. "Raining Gold" singer Ms. Osbourne (Daughter of Sharon and Ozzy)
17. '\_\_\_ Disturb' sign
18. Magazines carrier
20. Laid to rest
22. Beatles' "\_\_\_ a Place"
23. Search: 2 wds.
24. Vigour
25. Casket alternative
26. Jude \_\_, Canadian yogurt pioneer
30. Cartoon style
33. Montreal's huge cross sits atop it: 2 mots
35. Actor, \_\_.
36. Cobb
37. Nullify
38. Medea is a tragedy by which ancient Greek playwright?
40. \_\_ forth
41. Archenemy
42. Include
43. Grassland
44. "And through a \_\_ on a breaking wall..." - Seal, "Crazy"
48. Cream-filled pastry
52. Sword fight



53. Load of washing stage: 2 wds.
55. Ancient column style
56. Coffee brand
57. Fix
58. New: Spanish
59. "Caribbean Queen" singer Billy

60. Soup cube brand
61. Old Ford car

### DOWN

1. Styles
2. How two hearts beat in the U2 song: 2 wds.
3. Health: French
4. Tagish man co-

5. Hershey Canada's hyphenated-name treat
6. Ms. Jackson
7. Ripened
8. "Spectacular!"

9. Led Zeppelin song sharing the name of a disputed region of Asia
10. Low-cal
11. Mr. Sharif
12. Geological epoch suffix
13. Shoes brand
19. Drywall \_\_ (Aids for ceiling painters)

21. Roll
24. Air ducts
26. Some bananas
27. Online music/audio sharing platform
28. 007 character Vesper
29. George of "CSI: Crime Scene Investigation"
30. Ginger drink
31. Nine: German
32. 'Prem' suffix (Film's big debut)
33. Howard Stern, 'King of All \_\_\_'
34. Brit's bathroom
36. Kevin Pollak's new documentary, "\_\_\_ Loves Comedy" (2015)
39. Saskatchewan village, \_\_ Narrows
40. "The Age of \_\_\_" (2015) starring Blake Lively
42. "\_\_\_ you sure?"
44. Fire: Spanish
45. Fork's 'fingers'
46. "\_\_\_ always said..."
47. Mil. rank: 2 wds.
48. Gas station
49. Canadian politics channel
50. Wrinkle
51. Singer/songwriter Paul
52. Nero's 559
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